

Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 8:36 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

I INSIST that not only all teachers in Middletown take a pay freeze but ALL public employees of Middletown should take a pay freeze during these tough economic times. I have been a union employee in the private sector for 29 yrs. Over the last 2 yrs I have taken 2 pay freezes and 1 roll back. I work 2 jobs and my wife is an RN in a NJ hospital, we are all aware of there budget cuts! We can barely make ends meet anymore! Our property taxes are out of control! Who is META to extort us, using our children against us! Let the teachers vote if they want a freeze! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Hello, I'd like to say that I find it hard to believe that this town needs any more than the \$12,000+ to educate a child. Oak Hill Academy, a for profit school, only charges \$14,000 per year for tuition. The class sizes do not exceed 20 and the children receive an amazing education. Maybe it is time to privatize the system and let some real business people run the show. Alternatively, I would happily accept a voucher for my \$12,000+ to send my child to a private academy that knows how to operate within budgetary restrictions. I am tired of paying for the teacher gravy train. How much of the \$12,000 actually goes to each student? What is the ratio spent per teacher vs. child. My husband and I moved to our home for a school system we were told was fantastic. If this is fantastic I am very afraid for the future. I am better off moving to New York City where taxes are low so that I can justify paying for private school. Something has to dramatically change in Middletown and everywhere in this country. We cannot let unions dictate how we live our lives and raise our children. I say throw the union out of our schools and hire non-union teachers at a fair wage without all of the gravy train perks and benefits. The parents of this town should decide how our money is spent. Again it should be spent on children and not teachers. I'd like to know why my child has to play in a broken down play area with dangerous holes in the ground while teachers are getting raise after undeserved raise. Raises in this economy should not exist. Future raises should be strictly merit driven. Tenure should be outlawed now and forever. I attended the last Township Committee meeting. I was afforded a seat to properly hear what discussions took place, disgraceful. I expect that your shared resources plan will start immediately. I was shocked to hear that it was already an established practice. I will attend your next meeting and expect to have a proper seat. Also, maybe the lights could be kept on in the parking lot for those of us that do not have reserved parking spaces so that we do not have to trip and stumble in the dark to find our cars in the far reaches of the lot after attending a meeting. P.S. I am happy to accept a tax increase when I know it goes to the children and not towards bureaucratic waste. Thank you, Iris Block [REDACTED]
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Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 4:02 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

Hello- Cutting the school budget any further will devastate the Middletown School system. Increased class sizes, lack of materials and technology, and decreased services are already a definite based on Governor Christie's cuts alone. Cutting the school budget will have zero effect on the larger issues of tenure, pension, pay-freeze, and healthcare payments that some people are concerned about; but will definitely hurt our kids and the education they receive. Thank you, --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 11:39 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I voted against the school budget because I want the administrators, support staff and teachers to take a pay freeze for this year and also for them to pay into their own benefits program. I do not think this is asking too much of these folks whose salaries and benefis are paid for by the citizens of middletown. Those of us who work in the provate section have had to accept these same measures to preserve the number of staff members in our companies, so why can't the school staffs? I also think it is not appropriate to link school staff's compensation packages to references to save our schools. Let's not have our children suffer because the school staffs do not want to share in the sacrifices that all of middletown, nj and the united states have to make during this fiscal crisis. Thank you for you time and consideration. Regards, Paul Tava --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Message:

Encourage the older tenured teachers to take pay freeze for a decent term, and save the lesser experienced teacher's jobs. Reduce (excessive) administration costs. Encourage PTA fund raising. Reduce bus transportation costs; limit service to handicapped and hardship case students. Allow more students to walk a little further to/from school, or get parental supplied transportation. Allow parents to supervise lunch-time meal programs, as volunteers, thus reducing costs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

What a fantastic idea - actually seeking input from the public without the need to go to a meeting dominated by politicians trying to appease the crowd and endure all that political posturing and grandstanding. How many assistant principals does a school really need? How much are staff members paying towards their health benefits? Those of us who work for the federal government pay 25% of the cost. Seniors on Social Security did not get an increase this year; workers in the private sector are being frozen, having their pay cut or being laid off. Why should school staff be any different? There is a limit to how much we taxpayers can afford. How are the educational services delivered? Administrative services? Is there any way we could combine all administrative functions in a central office for all Monmouth County school boards? Economy of scale and efficiencies could result. Can parents be asked to pay for a portion of the schools' maintenance and security costs? How about transportation costs?---
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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:44 PM
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Message:

Please do not cut ANYTHING that effects special education students. That includes teachers!!! Larger class sizes make it much more difficult for our students with special needs to be included with their typical peers. Also, please do not cut full day kindergarten. Research shows that children with special needs do great with inclusion if it is started from a young age. Their typical peers grow up with acceptance of their classmates differences. How invaluable that is to the world!! Thank you for your consideration.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

You lost the funding from the state so you must reduce your budget by a like amount. Our schools are over staffed and should be reduced. If you don't do it now it will be worse later. I need not give you all the reasons why, I should think you already are aware of them. Just because the unions won't give back doesn't mean the homeowners should face higher taxes. Sincerely the Vander Horns of [REDACTED] PS GOV. DID IT FOR GOOD REASONS AND YOU SHOULD FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

The people have spoken. Take as much as you can out of the budget. The teachers can do the right thing, but won't. I guess they are not in it for the children after all. Make the cuts that need to be made. When the board was told they were getting less from the state, they made cuts of employees like it was no problem. I think they can afford more cuts.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

The Board of Education should be forced to get rid of it's wasteful spending. They shouldn't have a publicist when we don't have teachers. And the money budgeted for Karen & her cronies to go to the November convention is an absurd amount! But I doubt anything will change. I went to the last board meeting when the three new members were sworn in. Mr. Brand repeatedly asked if they could table approving the contracts that were on the agenda that evening. He stated he and the two other new board members had only a week to prep for the meeting and it was enormous amount of information to read. He said he couldn't blindly approve the contracts. Mr. Parton agreed there was no legal issue at hand and it could in fact be tabled. But Karen didn't want it so the previous members (minus Joan M.) voted against it. As I left the meeting, I passed resident after resident saying how they were disgusted at how the meeting was handled. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Message:

I applaud the elected members of this Township Committee for using the internet to obtain ideas, in writing, as to residents' ideas relating to the massive rejection of the bloated school budget by the people. Unfortunately, in the contentious society we live in, holding a public meeting would result only in a lot of hot air, but no really good suggestions. By accepting written suggestions, you may receive rational and reasonable responses which you can review without knowing the source. This allows you to evaluate suggestions on their merits, not on who is making the suggestion. Great idea! Since the union has refused any pay freeze, it is incumbent on township committee members to reduce the failed school budget by the same amount a pay freeze would save. You should also ask our state officials to explore the possibility of having a centralized county school administration; remove all powers to negotiate, hire, fire, discipline, purchase, set budgets, etc. from the local school boards. Liberate the local school boards to be a real watchdog over our children's educational experience. This could save the state and local taxpayers a great deal of money through consolidation of functions duplicated by every local school board and reduce administrative bloat. As a parent, I thank you for being so responsive and responsible in your representation of our residents. I didn't think public officials would actually reach out for ideas. Now that's thinking outside the box!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

The township committee must take into account the overwhelming response from the voters of Middletown. If the unions (teachers and other staff) will not accept a one year pay freeze (including a freeze on step increases), cost sharing for their health benefits, and other cost savings measures, then the Township Committee must cut the school budget by the full amount those actions would have saved. The sad fact, I believe, is that rank and file teachers would accept such a freeze, but their union leaders won't even let them consider it! We seniors applaud the majority members of the Township Committee who are trying to protect not only our interests as taxpayers, but also the interests of the children. Further layoffs of educational staff could be avoided if the public employee unions would wake up to this new economic reality. While not in the powers of the Township Committee, you should also press the Legislature to substantially increase the contributions made by all public employees into the state's public pension system. That could help restore the financial stability of a system currently underfunded and that is in the interests of all, both the public employees and the state's taxpayers. Keep up the good work and we will remember you in November! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

As difficult as this is, the MTBOE and especially Karen Bilboa has ignored the Middletown taxpayer wishes and now we have no choice but to cut the funding. Please do not restore it. we did not want all day kindergarten. we would still have computer rooms , we don't want to purchase laptops for every child. we did not want drug testing. From what I understand, the township can only decide on a levy, not what they do with it. give them nothing.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

I am a Middletown teacher at High School North. I think there are several areas to cut from the budget, namely Freshman sports, administrative personnel (at the Board Office) and the seemingly endless supply of funds the Administration can make available for pet projects. Example of the latter; Asst Superintendent for Curriculum is pushing to have all Sophomore and Junior students take the PSAT next year. This will cost about \$20K. Students who are sophomores are not ready to take this test until after sophomore year, and not all Juniors want to go to college. The ones that do want to go to college already pay for the PSAT on their own. Why do we need to fund this? It's also another wasted school day, as he wants to do this during school hours. ???--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Hold a public meeting as suggested at the last workshop meeting so the public can openly engage with their elected officials and each other. This will not undo the poor choice of not scheduling an open public meeting as suggested by Mr. Byrnes and others at the last workshop meeting. This is a politically motivated and an inappropriate substitute for open transparent public discussion. The committee gets to say they attempted something without revealing all of the suggestions that were made and who made them.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 5:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

I think first and foremost everything other than academics should be considered being cut. I think most importantly a teacher in the classroom teaching is most important. So far all I have seen and heard is academics being affected. Sports at all levels should be pay to play, no exceptions. Also, I think its time to cut back and eliminate the amount of administrators at the high school level. I think the amount of them is simply wasteful and ridiculous. Don't cut the teachers, cut them!!!! We need the teachers in the classroom teaching; not administrators pushing papers. Thank you for your time. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:30 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

I am very concerned for my children of what lies ahead for them next year with all the cuts already made. I am not sure where there should be cuts, but I really hope River Plaza does not get closed. I also hope there are no cuts in Special Education. I feel that there are too many administrators and that Karen Bilbao is making way too many bad decisions for our district. She has implemented programs that are not working. For example, the reading program is not helping struggling readers and so much time is spent testing the students instead of teaching. Now next year, the coteachers are being cut and only one teacher will be in the classroom. This program should be cut and bring back the traditional approach with resource classes. I have heard from too many teachers that Middletown is being used as an example of what not to do in education! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:48 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Importance: High

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Message:

you are kidding right, you need our suggestions. are my comments going to make a difference with my taxes. no one yet has answered anything! we is the money period for our state. millions are spent on the lottery i want to know penny for penny where that MONEY is. we all know that there are too many administrators. do we need 11 vice principals? im not looking for people to lose jobs; but common sense! i went to middletown in the 70's with 3,000 students in one school (3) shifts of school time; there was not that many vp's and most of us turned out o.k.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:51 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Importance: High

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Message:

Although it is great that you are going to the public for their opinion I think you will have many people saying "Cut" everything. Simply because they don't realize the outcome of it down the line. If the town does away with important things such as performing arts, girls sports, young teachers there will be NO future. People are often short sided when it comes to this. 18 years ago we moved to the is town for it's schools. I didn' t have children then but I was looking toward their future. We want to stay in this town forever. Have our children-children's go to their schools. That is the future. By doing away with these important programs would be a terrible blow to this town. Keep the performing arts alive, keep the young teachers, keep the girls sports programs. Try to consolidate insurance, adminstatation, cut the fat not the bone. Thank you. Maryellen Mannarino--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:59 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

The reason I voted against the school budget. We are a working couple who have lived in Middletown for 23 years. We are being pushed out of this township by the high costs of taxes. But that is not the reason I voted against it. The Govenor asked the Teachers Unions to take a pay freeze and to pay a portion of their health benefits. Not a pay CUT, just a freeze! With the way the economy is right now with so many people out of work it boggles my mind that the teachers would not agree to this. They are lucky to have jobs right now when so many don't. And a raise....ask an average working person when they had their last raise. Chances are it was a year or two ago. And to pay a portion of healthcare? Come on, welcome to the real world. There are very few people in this country that have free healthcare. Everyone seems to have to pay some portion, why not the teachers? Truthfully, I followed closely to see how Middletown teachers would handle what the Govenor asked them to do. I told everyone I knew that I would vote for the budget if the teachers agreed with the Govenor. They did not, so I walked right in there and voted down the budget. And I'm really glad that the majority of residents did the same!---
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Message:

1. Get rid of elementary school spanish. It really doesn't help our children at all. Our middle school language could be improved but it is superior to our neighbors. 2. Start to merge sports teams into one Middletown team, especially those who practice off site in facilities that we pay fees for time, ie swimming, hockey, tennis, golf etc. 3. There are to many chiefs in our administration, get some indians. 4. Some of the HS electives should be clubs. 5. A large percent of our teachers are eligible for retirement. Have a mandatory retirement age of 65.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

I hope that every effort is made that all students across the Township maintain similar services and programs. It would be difficult to have cuts in one area or community while others have little.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To generate money, charge a fee for leaves/branches pick-up. Also, fine residents that place these items in the street (not curbside) or put them out before the scheduled timeframe. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

A major sticking point for myself and many of the people I know in the community was that the teachers didn't agree to a payfreeze. Our community like many others are hurting during these economic times. When we ourselves are not receiving pay raises in the private sector, why should we be funding them for the public sector. Many of us in the community have lost our jobs or have taken pay decreases to keep them. Teachers and all other public sector employees should realize the economic turmoil we are all in. These times do not justify pay increases at the taxpayers expense. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 9:00 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Instead of cutting teachers, we need to start cutting after school programs or making it pay to play. Maybe the students can do more fundraising instead of cutting the teachers. We all want test scores to increase and cutting teachers and making class sizes bigger is not the answer!!!!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 9:14 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I would like to see a zero increase to the school budget like what Red Bank was able to do with the COOPERATION of the teachers. It is time the teachers experience the pain we in the private sector have seen for the past number of years, little or no pay increase, increased benefit costs (overall reduction in net pay). By excepting a pay freeze they can help take some of the pressure of residents of Middletown in this tough economy. If they are not willing to except the freeze it is time for some of them to go. DO NOT GIVE IN TO THE NJEA!!! It is time to show the NJEA the town / residents run the schools NOT THE NJEA.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:09 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Definitely cut the school budget and do not increase our taxes. Middletown has very high taxes, which are predominantly for the school system anyway. This is especially unfair for those without children and senior citizens.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE OUR TAXES!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:10 AM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

I vote NO for the school budget!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:10 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

School budget portion of taxes is already to high, do not raise the tax rate. The assessments already raised the taxes from last year. This is enough!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:11 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Middletown - get your act together! I have had enough of the increases, this is out of control. The school budget is fine just as it is.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 10:12 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Where is the fairness for homeowners in Middletown who do not have children and are paying for the school system?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Cut the waste: 1. eliminate the Public Relations employee 2. eliminate the redundant District Administrators (150K ea.) 3. combine/eliminate 1/2 the District Administrators secretaries (do the each need one individually @ 50K ea) 4. Make Transportation more efficient (do we really need a bus for 50 to transport 2 to a swim meet?) (do we really need a bus to run wrestlers, cross country, etc. from Thompson to Thorne to Bayshore???? when the parents are driving themselves to see the games). If you can get your hands on an organizational chart from....3 years ago, you will be able to see how many layers our current superintendent added to the existing school system. On another note, please, please please do not utilize 'pay to play'. Such a policy will only further hurt those families that truly voted 'NO' to the budget because they can not afford to pay for the higher property taxes (discrimination). Put forth the option to pay for new uniforms, or better equipment, but not to ultimately play. Just some thoughts in case you didn't know, thanks for you time - Linda Cendagorta--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 12:42 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The BOE already cut \$11M! Why doesn't the Committee work on the Township budget. The year is almost half over and still no budget. The Committee has no credibility because they can't develop their own budget. They have no business looking at budgets of other organizations before the budget they're supposed to be working on.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 1:51 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I definitely don't want to see music get cut in the schools especially the high school. These kids have worked so hard to make this program work and it has. One thing I don't believe in having 45 cheerleaders. You go to other schools and maybe they have 15/20. I can see stopping for now clubs that don't have a lot of members. Combining services such as insurance (auto, property I suppose health too) would be a good idea. What about going out to bid on such items as paper supplies, copy paper, toner, ink, equipment? Not sure it would save money but it could help. I really don't want to see teachers lose there jobs but is there anyway to offer for lack of a better word a buy out of older teachers w/25 plus years? With some of the higher salaries gone the non tenure teachers jobs might be saved and we save money too. I really would like to see a I year salary freeze of the teacher's salaries. Other business are doing this to save jobs. I know that not all the teachers feel this way. This offer needs to allow be ask to everyone not just exec. board. It time to let them all speak not just a few. Is there anyway we can stop buying text books and keep just a set in the classes and be able to access them on line? I would think this would save money in the long run so the lost, damaged books wouldn't have to replace that often and when new editions come out it would cost as much to replace them. I'm sure there are other ways to save but right now I can't think of them. Thank you for listening.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 1:53 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Below is a direct quote copied from FAQ portion of the NJ Department of Student Transportation website. Middletown has its taxpayers supporting free busing that is not available for all students. Many who are bused live much closer than the "remote" distances. While I am all for busing, could a fee for service be imposed on those who use the service instead of having all pay for a service only some are allowed to use? I saw the costs on the BOE website and if that could be off set it wopould ease the burden and have those who use it actually pay for it. Q. Is it a district's responsibility to provide transportation for students who live less than remote from school when hazardous road conditions exist? A. Boards of education are not required by law to provide busing for students who live less than remote from school even for safety reasons. However, boards are permitted, at their own discretion and expense, to provide transportation for students who reside less than remote from school and may charge the student's parents or legal guardians for this service. Municipalities may also contract with boards of education for this service and charge the parents. This transportation service is called subscription busing. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 2:30 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Push for the teachers to take a pay freeze. Lots of us haven't had a pay increase in years....it's time they stepped up to the plate too!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 3:23 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please take any surpluses, etc and put them back into the childrens extra-curricular school activities such as band, clubs, to give back what the state has taken away.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 4:42 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have 2 children in the elementary level. I recommend the elimination of Spanish at the elementary level. 3 years of Spanish for my second grader and beyond some words she cannot hold a conversation in Spanish. Save this for middle school and please save computers. I don't know how Mrs. Bilbao can eliminate computers in the elementary schools in this day and age. Additionally, we could save some money by having the high school graduations at the high schools. (I believe this is a \$26,000 price tag at PNC) Why not also reign in the travel for the sports teams. They can still have a great experience without so much travel. Perhaps the parents can pay a portion for the sporting activities with some kind of hardship consideration for those who really cannot afford to pay (maybe those who get free lunch get to play for free). In the future the union should be revised to deal with the tenure issues. We are losing good fresh teachers who are young and excited to teach, while each school is stuck with those few bad teachers that we cannot get rid of because they have tenure. Additionally, while this is not for the school directly, Middletown could put a dent in the township budget by enforcing the hands free phone law. I travel around Middletown everyday and see many many people having long conversations while driving and worse texting. Let's make the roads safer and make some money for the town by ticketing these individuals. Thank you. Elizabeth Lombardi [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:24 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

 I find it difficult to comment on the school budget because of my lack of knowledge. I do know that we have a bloated system that needs to be downsized. The problem there is that the amount of students has not decreased, so finding an equitable solution will be difficult for all. Teachers, Students and tax payers. The teachers should accept a pay freeze or reduce the amount of teachers. This should also include the administration in the schools. Assistant principals in the high schools, etc..across the board. In Middletown South, the teachers are already taking action by refusing to perform hall duty in the last period of the day. This results in students not being able to go to the restrooms. This has angered me and I called the principal to offer my support in volunteering to come in for the last period of the day and perform the hall duties in place of a faculty member. I have not heard back from him, but he still has time to respond. (I have been downsized and lost 1/2 of my salary and now work a half day. I also work 5 nights a week at a local restaurant. Yes too full time jobs)I am willing to offer my services and possibly other parents could volunteer to fill the gaps. I have a substitute teaching certificate in Middletown so you can be confident of my credentials in the school. The teachers union has been allowed to grow big and strong and use mobster like tactics in order to maintain a powerful position. I can't be upset with them because weak management(the administration) of the union has given them free rein. I speak from a position of knowledge having managed strong Teamster Unions in the past. Please don't forget that you have the right to manage the business of Middletown. Everyone has to bend during this time. What I do not want to see is propaganda tactics in the school that pollute the students minds into thinking that the Christie Administration along with Middletown's administration is made out to be the bad guys. Please keep the one thing in mind that is most important, our student's education and well being in a trying time in this State--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:32 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

One year pay freeze, if it can be forced.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:35 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizan Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I think the salar freeze for one year is the best option as it parallels what is happening out in the business world. This way all teachers keep their jobs and hopefully if the economy contiues to get better than next year they can geta cost of living increase.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:37 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

No for school budget!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:37 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I want teachers and administrators to agree to the Governor Christie recommended pay freeze and to agree to pay for at least 1.5 percent of their medical benefits. I don't want to see a budget that asks for 1.3 million towards teachers medical benefits cost increases. I don't want the teachers to get any more money towards benefits. I don't want the students curriculum reduced. I want the teachers to sacrifice not the students. I want to see additional administrator level layoffs. I don't want young enthusiastic "nontenured" teachers and teachers aids to be laid off. I want a strong, direct, blunt assertive message sent to the teachers union that the party is over. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

For the immediate budget, I would suggest keeping the standard requirements at a minimal. Continue to provide "extras" such as AP classes, sports, special interest classes, etc., at a cost to students that want this. This way only those that benefit pay, a fair compromise to the entire township while cutting costs. For the longer term, serious changes (OVERHAUL!) are needed to maintain GPAs and test scores. I would eliminate tenure. Tenure is RIDICULOUS and allows the most experienced teachers to get away with mediocre work rather than motivating them to do their best. ALL school workers should be evaluated based on performance. Non-performers are put on probation and fired if improvement is not seen. This is PROVEN methodology for the nations top companies and there is no reason why this would not work just as well in schools. The union must change this....or better yet...get rid of the union, fire ALL the teachers, and rehire only those that are good. There are many teachers looking for jobs so if the current teachers don't want to work outside a union job, there are many that need jobs and will be happy to work hard for their money. I would also suggest that all administrators, teachers, and school workers making 25% more than the states median salary for that job to take a pay deduction. If they don't like it, they can leave. Jobs and salaries are cut in every other industry - why shouldn't this be happening in our school districts? This is from a mother of a 10th grader who is tired of paying for teachers that are not working to the best of their abilities simply because they know they can be lazy and get away with it. Make SERIOUS changes, shake up the system. It will take years to make it right but at this point, it's so wrong any change is better progress than continuing to dump more and more money into a system that simply does not work. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

cut down student activities to a core group (football, baseball, soccer, etc..) and have the student pay-to-play if they want fringe sports/clubs/activities. Stop teaching classes that fall outside of what other counties teach and focus on math, science and other basics. Get rid of administration NOT teachers! Too much overhead!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:42 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I find it very sad that the budget was not passed and I would put the blame on Governor Christie. He appears to be totally anti teacher. Telling the voters to vote down budgets is unforgivable. Maybe he should visit some of our Middletown schools and see first hand how dedicated our teachers are and how successful our schools and graduates are. I can't think of anything more important to the township than having good schools. Taking money away and cutting staff and programs is surely not the answer.---
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Cut the budget further - eliminate half of the administrators and VPs to include Karen Bilboa who will not even talk with parents. Teachers should pay 1/3 the premium for health insurance for themselves and 100% for dependents.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:44 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

There were insufficient administrative cuts in the previous proposal. Bilboa needs to reduce positions and those left need to shoulder more work. The BOE needs to be made aware of the fact they don't own the facilities the community does.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a tax payer in Middletown, and also a teacher in the district, I resent the Mayor's asking for a pay freeze. Not only is it incorrect that the MTEA did not respond by his deadline, but I find it offensive that Mrs. Guyer's name was spelled incorrectly (Guyea) in his letter to the MTEA. I am a teacher that started her after the strike of 2001. When I started here in Middletown, there was a tremendous amount of tension and I witnessed a community divided. Teachers were bitter, parents were bitter, and the kids were in the middle. The administrators, teachers (MTEA), and many, many community members, have worked very hard to build a new relationship; one with a common goal centered around the children of Middletown. In the years since starting here, I have moved to Middletown because of the great schools, and everything that this community has to offer. I beg of the Township Committee to please not place blame on teachers' refusal for a pay freeze. Please take into account all of the funding that has been removed by the governor. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The school budget was soundly defeated by the voters. Please do not buckle under to any pressures from the teachers or NJEA. My suggestion to cut the budget is to start at the top. Do we really need numerous assistant principals and high paid office staff in each of the schools. They are not in the classrooms teaching so they are clearly unnecessary baggage. Also, teachers and anyone involved in the schools must pay 1.5% to their health benefits, like it or not. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:47 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

teachers are well over paid. Get some of the parents to do some of the repair work that's needed in some schools. make them work 12 months a year for there outrages salaries. I don't see any improvement is the schools rating, but do see a decline.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:47 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The budget never should have failed...Too many people are trying to make a political statement by defeating the budget instead of considering the ramifications to our schools by cutting the budget....I say leave the budget in tact, the way it was proposed--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

We voted against the budget - now do your job and cut it! Parents need to pay for busing and school security, after school activities. Teachers and administrators must freeze their pay and pay 10% of their health insurance costs. Eliminate all costs not actually associated with classroom education.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

A salary freeze and 1-2% contributions to healthcare benefits are good places to start. Perhaps reworking the allocations of our tax dollars put toward education. A fair portion of our taxes go to schools in "less affluent" towns---which nevertheless have subpar school systems! In other words redirect/rebalance the distribution of Middletown taxpayers wealth...toward Middletown not Newark. Take a look at nonessential curricula. Does my 1st grader need to learn Spanish? Do time and personnel need to be allocated for special interest activities---IE. "green" initiatives? Do teachers that receive 2 full months off really need so many vacation days during the year---forcing substitute teachers to be employed? The parasitical NJEA must be reined in. NJ Taxpayers are fed up funding public sector unions who essentially pass chunks of our tax dollars onto to politicians. We are at a critical stage. Do not pull back and give in to the NJEA! For the good of the future of Middletown and the state of NJ we need to make the tough but right decisions.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I AND MANY OTHERS VOTED AGAINST THE SCHOOL BUDGET AND STILL FEEL IT SHOULD BE VOTED DOWN, IF IT WILL RAISE PROPERTY TAX. AS A SENIOR CITIZEN I CANNOT AFFORD A PROPERTY TAX RAISE. I FEEL I HAVE SACRIFICED OVER THE YEARS AND HAVE PAID MY SHARE TO PAY FOR MY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. WE CAN CONTINUE TO GIVE THESE SCHOOL OFFICIALS PAY AND BENIFITS YEAR AFTER YEAR. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING TO GIVE MY OPINION. JULIUS LIBONATI--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

As for the budget being out voted, we are all aghast in this family. Without the schools keeping up with the Presidents proposed agenda, i.e., "The Obama administration is taking a different approach to incentivize educational improvements. The president's 2011 budget proposal includes billions in additional funding for elementary and secondary schools. The extra funding includes a large expansion of Mr. Obama's "Race to the Top" initiative, which awards competitive grants to states that implement reforms favored by the administration, such as linking teacher pay to student test performance. " We must find a way to go beyond what is expected, this is your future, every one's future. For all the negative votes for the proposed schools budgets, are these people also aware that their own property value will decrease when the schools eliminate programs and are understaffed? I really do not think the whole community was educated prior to voting. Can't wait to see what our children will think and do to these very people once they are making our political decisions. It's really a travesty. Hopefully if we all unite, and speak to our congress people, and senators, we can find a way for the children not to suffer. We, in our family are considering private school. It's a shame, but are programs at the elementary level are already substandard. President Obama appealed to the nation's governors to fulfill education reforms that move past partisanship to offer every American a complete and competitive education. What's at stake, he said, is "nothing less than our primacy in the world." "We are tired of arguments between the left and the right, between reformers and teachers unions," he said. "We want to find out what works." I guess that our governor didn't read that message. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:54 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

It is unfortunate that our children must suffer the consequences of the greed of the teachers' union. When they agree to a pay freeze and contributing to their medical premiums, perhaps then the residents on Middletown would pass the budget.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Thank you for your interest in my opinion, I truly respect the township for giving us a chance to be heard. I have four children in Middletown school system, so nothing is more important to me than their education. First I would like to say that Governor Christies cuts were unfair and broke campaign promises. I can only hope our Mayor and council will do everything they can to keep our schools adequate. In our ever changing world, one thing remains true .. A need for a GOOD education the reason I bought my home in Middletown was the promise of a great school system!! The best investment in our town, Is an investment in our schools. Well, I agree that the state of NJ is in a financial mess, we didn't get here in a day and it can't be fixed in a day. I also agree that changes may need to be made, to make out town (schools) run better financially, but I hope it can happen without sacrificing our children's education. Thank you, Kim Ussmann--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:57 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I agree with the wage freeze idea. I also believe that increases should be based on performance and not just an automatic thing. That is the way the rest of the world operates. I also think that teachers should have to contribute to their health benefits and pension - again the way the rest of the world operates. ---
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:32 PM
To: Twp Committea
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think that the Governor did what had to be done and I believe that the people did what had to be done by voting down the budget. We have to get out of this mess we are in, and you have to start somewhere. There is a lot of waste in the school system --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:34 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

If the teachers won't accept a pay freeze for one year, then they will have to lay off teachers, administrators, etc. If everyone can't help out at this time, then they should suffer the consequences. My Medicare was cut this year and my health plans have gone up. I shouldn't have to pay for all their benefits.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:35 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I was HORRIFIED by the outcome of the Township Budget vote! Although I believe there is unnecessary spending it seems to be at the administrative level and the majority of cuts are with personnel that deal directly with students. Residents should have showed their outrage in a venue other than the budget vote. I hope that the council will come to a fair and equitable compromise that will not have our children suffer the consequences. CUT from the top down. Teachers are on the front-line with support staff. They are the people we should be looking out for because they look out for our future by taking care of the children.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:35 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

As a concerned parent of elementary school-aged children and tax payer in Middletown Township, I'm afraid of what's going to become of our children's education, and the future of valuable programs that keep children engaged in academics. Major cuts have already taken place, which will definitely impact the quality of education at all levels and additional cuts will only exaggerate the impact. I voted to support the budget. As much as I agree that the teachers' and administrators' unions need to be reined in, this battle should not be fought in Middletown schools with our children caught in the crossfire and suffering the greatest casualties. Please keep our children, the future of Middletown, in mind as you evaluate additional cuts. Thank You, Christine MacKay --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:37 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a teacher in the Kearny School District and when I look at our school system here in Middletown I see a lot of waste. Why is there a need for so many Vice Principals in the High Schools? They are being over paid to do the job of a department chair person. I feel there should be NO staff cuts teachers are very important as well as the maintenance crews to keep the schools in good order. If cuts are to be made anywhere it is my opinion teh Middletown Schools are way to many Administration jobs and some of them should go.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT -
--THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:38 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I FIND IT RIDICULOUS THAT THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED SCHOOL BOARD DOESN'T HAVE ANY MORE INPUT BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF THE ELECTION. OK THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO DID VOTE WANT CHANGE. OK THEY GOT IT. NOW WHAT. THE STATE IS HOLDING BACK OUR TAX REVENUE FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHY? TO HELP DESTROY THE TEACHERS UNION? THE TEACHERS WILL HAVE TO NEGOTIATE A NEW CONTRACT THAT CAN REFLECT A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CHANGES SO THAT THE LEAST PROTECTED AND MIGHT I ADD THE MOST TALENTED TEACHERS CAN STAY IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE ONES WITH PENSION ELIGIBILITY OR CLOSE TO IT CAN BE OFF THE PAYROLL. GOVERNOR, GIVE US OUR MONEY BACK.. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:39 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Instead of firing teachers, who are essential to our educational system, the superintendent should get a cut in his/her paycheck. They are making over \$200K, I am sure little cut in their salary would not make a big difference to them. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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To: Twp Committee
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Message:

This has been troubling me for quite sometime. We need as many teachers in the twsp as long as they arev quality teachers. I believe some of the upper personal could be dismissed. There is one thing that really erks me though. Why in the world should taxpayers have to pay BROOKDALE , \$8,000.00 per Middle School for graduation. Yes this is a nice jesture but fiesably unwise. I graduated from Middletown with 1,000 classmates and now 2 High Schools are paying \$18,000 per school for graduation at the Arts Center, yet both High Schools have Million Dollar Football fields. The old football fields were good for us. Maybe a little common sense should step in-Hope this helps.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

The school buget for 2010/2011 should be reduced by reducing the managment (admin) structure. The admin structure is top havey when looked at from a teacher/student ratio. Cutting teachers is the wrong direction. The direct Teacher-to-Student ratio should be increased. The direct \$\$ per student / teacher should increase. The indirect \$\$ for Admin structure has continued to increase over the past 5 years. Laying off teachers without reducing the Admin structure just increases the indirect \$\$ spending which is the wrong direction. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:41 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a parent of a graduating MT student and have a freshman in HS. Even with the \$10M in cuts already slated, my freshman is most likely going to lose any extra help he may receive by being placed in classrooms with aides. I have taken the time to review the budget posted on the District's website and I don't see what more can be cut without further devastating the direct impact to our students. To avoid this impact to our students, I urge you (if you are in any legal position to do so) to impose salary freezes on all of the unions which work for the school District. I also urge you to question the legality of a union's leadership refusing to let its members vote. Many of the teachers I have spoken to said they have not been given the right to vote. Is the MTEA a dictatorship? Rina DiMaio --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:42 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think that cuts to the school budget affect our smallest residents in the most negative way. The quality of their education, their access to great teachers and resources, is our most valuable commodity as a state. They should not be punished for the current economic crisis. I don't have children, but I gladly pay taxes to educate them. If we don't prepare them for the future by funding their success, then we will have many more problems in the future when they are the decision makers of our country.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:44 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a township resident for 18 years I want to see the township turn the entire increase in the budget down, for once listen to the residents, we voted it down now send it back and tell them they have to do with whatever the budget was last year and not a penny more. If the only budget money we have is what last years numbers were than that is it!! They can not have anymore the people have spoken when we voted now it is time for the township to listen!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I believe that there should be a salary freeze but only on salaries above a certain threshold (to be determined). I do not want to penalize the newer teachers or staff that are at a lower salary grade than the other staff members--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:46 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I believe that the Govenor has reduced the school budget by enough. Middletown was punished because they had a surplus to apply to next year and it was taken away. I would like to see the MTEA take a vote on a salary freeze for one year but wouldn't that just postpone everything a year. Further cuts to the school budget could severely impact the quality of education in Middletown. Our children received a wonderful education in the township and my husband and I proudly taught in the district. We urge you t maintain the budget as is. Thank you for asking for imput.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:48 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Full day kindergarten should be reduced back to half day. A full day for a child that age, is not going to make any one of them "smarter". Rather than cutting many items from middle school and high school, full day kindergarten should be the first to go. It is merely easy "babysitting" for many parents.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Start by cutting the dead wood at the top of the school board along with all their perks and their friends and family perks. It's reality time and it doesn't have to start at the bottom, especially when the problems are the fat cats that are milking the system dry. We all know where the problems are, just come out and say it and stand by your intentions of giving THEM a PINK slip for a change. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Importance: High

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Message:

1. Reduce the number of Assistant Principals at both High Schools. Eleven seems to be an extremely high number. 2. When I went to HS we had 7500 students with one assistant principal. [Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, NY] 3. Reduce the number of Nurses in each elementary and middle school to one. 4. Reduce the number of student aides in each school. 5. Increase the number of students per class. 6. Eliminate all projects for artificial turf fields on school property. 7. Eliminate computer classes in all elementary schools as I believe that middle school and high school students gain more benefit using computers for research. 8. Freeze pay for one year for all school employees. 9. Zero base the budget to account for the number of students vs. administrative and teaching staff. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I feel that the township must force the B.O.E to act in the best interest of the TAX PAYERS. With that said. ALL NON educational activities (reading, writing math) should be paid for fully by the parents of the student that want to participate. This would be a good PAY TO PLAY. ie, foot ball basketball, soccer, after hours programs. All advanced placement classes should also be footed by the parents.---
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Message:

I think you should not let Governor Bully push everyone around. You should pass the budget as is. The education of our children are more important then the extra 200.00 to 300.00 my taxes would go up. He scared everyone with his bullying tactics. What is this teaching our children, that one person can rule a state like a dictatorship. Step up and do the right thing for our children, the future of Middletown.
Thanks, Anthony klocko--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT -
--THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The contracts previously negotiated with the teacher's union should be re-opened and teachers should accept a wage freeze for the coming year, neither of which was advocated by the local teacher's union. Teachers should also be required to contribute to their health insurance premiums. It is amazing that the teachers view themselves as exempt from the reality that the rest of the world faces. There are township residents who have lost their jobs and there are township residents with jobs who have not received salary increases for at least the past year. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Importance: High

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Message:

Stop hiring Librarian's at 105k per year. Nothing against Librarian's, but save the salaries for more qualified teachers that are with the kids all day long. The salaries are out of control, even for some teachers. I'm all for paying good teachers a good salary. Get a good business person to make good business decisions. No one voted for the budget because there is no trust in a corrupt system!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:53 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

These are tough times for a lot of people. Most of the private sector has seen their salaries take a cut not just freeze for a year and many folks have been laid off permanently. There have been furloughs and shut downs to save money. Everybody's property values have already taken a hit and taxes have not gone down either. I think class size needs to increase, all enrichment classes eliminated, Non academic programs should be eliminated. Field trips canceled unless paid for by parents in full. Eliminate electives and the personnel associated with electives. All extracurricular activities and funding should be totally supported and paid for by the parents and pep groups. Sports, band and art clubs should be eliminated in the short term. Cut out summer school and any extra programs. Cut down on non essential school personnel, administrative and support personnel. Have parents pay for bus services and transportation fees. Swimming pools, theaters, and the like may not be funded. Every community wants to give as much as they can to their young people etc. but I think the well is dry and folks do not have the funds to continue giving. Many have already lost their homes and their livelihoods and cannot pay anything else. Property owners cannot afford any additional increased tax rates; they are already sky high. The ideas submitted are ideas that have been publicized as things that other towns, states, municipalities are already doing. Teacher's salaries and personnel need to be looked at as well. It is very sad; and even shortened school weeks may need to be addressed. I am sure the township committee already knows what measures it needs to take. I was not able to vote on April 20th; but I can understand the position that people are in and everybody is sacrificing. At least the federal incentives are of assistance to the town. Good luck with some necessary belt tightening.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:02 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

It is time to down size the administration within all 17 schools.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I agree completely with your stance on a union pay freeze. I only wish I had the power to vote to abolish the union, but that's neither here nor there. As for suggestions, the problem is that we don't know the alternatives. The MBOE is not particularly clear on what the choices are. Is school band, or after-school sports, going to be eliminated unless each family involved pays a fee? People like the Thorne Middle School principal, who are fantastic educators, need to keep their jobs. You know the old saying about throwing the baby out with the bathwater. There are people in this town who seem to think that the schools should all be cut to bare-bones, simply because they don't have kids in school anymore and they don't care. We can't destroy the system. I don't mind paying a little more in taxes if it's clear that EVERYONE (union included) is involved in sharing the burden, and if it means that the truly valuable educators retain their jobs. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:04 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The School Board has already made cuts to conform to the reduction in state aid. I would urge you to be surgical in any further cuts so as to not cripple the system. If you can, target cuts at administrator not line teachers and services to students. Eliminating non-teaching vice principals and other administrators will make the remaining admins carry the load. that is what we have had to do in the real world. Try not to destroy funding for arts and music; that has been hit over the years. It will take political courage to not respond to the mob and swing a meat ax but you must do that. Most of clear thinking people will support you. My wife and I voted yes for the budget and we are seniors and no longer have children in the program. Don't fall prey to the "Shadow Lake" bloc. It was disappointing that the MTEA thinks they are above the realities of the current fiscal situation and did not accept the Mayor's request for a freeze. that would have preserved some of their colleague's jobs. In my job I have not seen a raise in three years and pay about \$5,000 per health for employer health care not including co-pays for doctors and prescriptions. Regards, Joe Malik [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:08 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Freezing teacher salaries is the most painless way to address this problem. Increasing class sizes because of teacher lay-offs is detrimental to the children's education. I support the mayor's recommendation in this regard. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:13 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Residents are becoming more aware of the unions strong hold on this state, specifically the teachers union. Their resistance to change with the times regarding pensions and health care, rejection of the govenors plan that would have prevented teacher lay off's, and lieing and dissemination of inaccurate information has levied a strong blow to credibility. Budget cuts must start at the top and that means the superintendent. Employee benefits next! Perhaps the union should consider reducing dues to help eleviate the finacial burden on teachers. People will pay for education, but when they learn what percentage of their money actually gets to their kids...they will revolt as you have seen by the budget rejection. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:14 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I appreciate being able to discuss some of my concerns and suggestions for budget saving implementations. I am a hospital RN at Riverview medical Center for 35 years. 1- We have always paid for our healthcare insurance. When I retire I will be on my own purchasing insurance like everyone else even though I am in the health care industry. Teachers should do the same. I need to maintain 30 continuing education units every 2 years when I renew my license. I need to do this on my own shopping for courses on my own time. Sometimes the hospital will pay for registration but I go on my own time. Teachers I notice do not go to the teacher conferences in Nov. rather use this as a long weekend get-away. So 2 more paid days off. Too expensive in this day of limited economy. Tenure, well most workers do not have tenure. I prove myself everyday. If I do not measure up it's bye bye job. I need to have yearly competencies met I must be ACLS certified, same with BCLS and NRP. I am tested and must prove I know what I am doing and that I am competent. How do teachers prove competency when tenure is a job guarantee. How do you make sure teachers are staying up to date when the local word is another 4 day weekend because teachers are not tested in any way once they are in. I also think anyone not directly involved in student teaching, safety, health and sanitation should have to take on some of the teaching and after school tutoring, sports etc. Too much waste in an industry that does not put the kids first. I am appalled that the teachers expect a pay raise rather than save teaching jobs. We staff down at the hospital. If we don't have enough patients to warrant the usual number of nurses we either take a day without pay or use one of our 20 PTO's the PTO's are our vacation, sick days. That's it 20 PTOs so if your sick a lot there goes your paid time off and we work all year and holidays. Teachers can be a wonderful asset to our young people but tired cranky mean teachers are not the answer. I have to answer for my attitude and am expected to be pleasant, kind etc. I think teachers need to be held to the same standard. Everyday. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

We have to stop spending. Eliminate some of the high paying jobs in Middletown. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:19 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The township should freeze the budget at least for this year. Then study carefully where cuts can be made, or some things made more efficient. Maybe not replace some positions when someone retires. Barbara Foster--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:20 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Rather than having the students suffer with larger class sizes, cut the administrative staff. When I attended the school system in the late 80's there were several less administrators within the district. Each HS had a principal, 2 VPs and department heads that taught and were given a stipend for their administrative duties. Special Services had a director and a supervisor, not the current trilevel staff - district director, a director and 3 supervisors. It is a waste to have a District Supervisor of Early Childhood Education when the preschool initiative he was hired for was cancelled last year. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The reason I voted down the budget was I feel teachers and faculty are out of touch with the rest of the work force in not considering a salary freeze. My husband has had a freeze on his salary for the past two years to help minimize layoffs, as have other people I know. We are making significant sacrifices in this economy, teachers and staff should make sacrifices too, for the good of their coworkers, the children and the school. The union should not shield tenured teachers from our economic problems, at the expense of untenured teacher jobs and our children's education.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 1:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Importance: High

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Message:

This budget was defeated because of bloated staff positions in the schools. The solution that people want is to remove the redundant and unnecessary administrative positions, 6 vice principals in a High School is not acceptable. NOT ONE TEACHER should be removed from their classroom, many of our teachers are excellent and to simply lay them off as a threat to residents to approve a budget is simply unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated. The other 4 members of the School board need to understand that when their positions are up for election they too can be removed if they dont start making the necessary cuts and stop playing politics with our childrens futures. Do not remove a teacher from a classroom.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I agree with the Mayor regarding the salary freeze. I am extremely upset the the MTEA did not give him the decency of a response to his email advising this action. I strongly believe the MTEA needs to open minded to this horrible dilemma we are all facing in our economy. I support the Mayor and the proposed budget. If teacher layoffs need to occur, it is unfortunate but the children will adjust.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Cut administrators, not teachers.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I recommend a volunteer committee be established to do an audit. If you are too far removed from the classroom you do not have a complete understanding of what is necessary and what is not. Helene Henkel [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:54 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Look at all overhead costs that could be consolidated, amortized and other contracts that can be renegotiated, including: -equipment leases -paper and supply purchases -any contracts that are up for renewal
Review how twp. services and BOE could work together such as: - school maintenance (outdoors and other public areas including planting perennials, ornamental grasses, and native plants that require less labor, maintenance, watering, fertilizers, etc. -review all waste contracts, recycling programs -consider using school time that is closed to students as open to have contractors, twp. employees and other maintenance work done. -revisit use of fields/facilities cooperatively. -request Scouts commit to their home school maintenance to reinforce community service and connect with nature. Gardens, planting, weeding, pruning, perhaps some basic indoor painting a mural or other area that could make each school. -if legally possible, make those who commit acts of vandalism and theft and other similar crime pay their fine through community service at the schools. Judy Musa Resident [REDACTED]
Middletown, NJ 07748 --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:54 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I think people are angry and voting down the budget is the only way they can feel some kind of retribution. The Middletown Gov wastes our money hand-over-fist and the teachers are getting pay increases & lifetime benefits while the hard working citizens are losing their jobs, taking commuting cost increases, swallowing increased taxes and have no pension or health benefits upon retirement. I'm angry too. One Solution: Tell the Teachers Union to either make concessions or the town will cut position. Chances are you'll need to then cut positions, in which case cut elementary teachers and run on a 2 session schedule, e.g., morning session and afternoon session. The teachers will need to increase their hours like the rest of us and the students will not be impacted.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:55 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

How about using administration and curriculum from a central source rather than inventing our own with staffing?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:56 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

My suggestion would be a pay freeze on all school personnel. I would also review the need for the numerous vice principals at the two high schools. Reduction of the administrative staff to save more teachers jobs, admin staff do not teach, we need teachers not more admin staff. Today as I sat waiting in the parking lot of New Monmouth to drop off two of my children; I was amazed at how many people walked into the school that my children told me are aids, helpers, lunch aids, library aids. Are all these people being paid? There are two nurses at this school, why? How many children are sick at one time in this school? At my other child's school, Thorne Middle School, we have been asked to rally support to save the principal, why? We need teachers in the classroom not admin staff behind a desk. Also, we need to maintain the music/band and sports programs offered at the schools. Children need these activities for preparation as a well rounded child as they enter their college years. I am not happy to see anyone loss their job, but we must set priorities. Teachers are the front line to a good education not the admin staff. Thank you, Joseph Marino--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:57 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I strongly agree with the freezing of teachers salaries. All private industry has taken pay cuts, benefit cuts, etc. They should be willing to do this to save their jobs and for the benefit of the school children. I think that we don't need so many administrators/supervisors/asst supervisors/asst to the asst supervisors. These are big salary jobs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Everyone is being forced to trim their budget. Make better use of community volunteers.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

When I was growing up in Middletown, we had only one high school, one principal and one vice principal. Today we have at least 6 vice principals. We don't need them. My graduating class was just under 1,000 students and they did well with the two. It's time to cut their jobs and anyone above them who is taking that HUGE salary. Keep the teachers, get rid of the admin.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:59 AM
To: Twp Committee
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Importance: High

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Message:

What is one of the first things that prospective home buyers consider when looking at properties? They want to know if there is a good school system in the area. This for their childrens educational needs, and to help keep and (hopefully) increase the value of their home. So why is it that the voting public places so little value on the school systems when it comes time to approve a school budget? The massive defeat of so many budgets may be the beginning of the decline of NJ schools with disastrous impacts on the very communities that are strangling them. A word to the nay voters - If you want lower or no property taxes, move somewhere where there are no schools, and see how you like it there. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:00 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

My suggestions; - Have some fiduciary and fiscal responsibility by truly going through the budget to find areas that are unnecessary (start cutting) - The current system is unsustainable. In the real world, employees contribute (significantly) to their healthcare. I myself pay \$4,800, not including another \$1,000 in deductibles and other uncovered expenses. My annual contribution to my own healthcare (yes, I am employed by a large company too) is \$6,800 per year. I am an advocate of our teachers however, they must contribute and pay out of pocket costs like the rest of us. - How many schools does Middletown have? Do we need each and every one? What are the fixed costs associated with maintaining all of them? Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance, etc. Close one. Close two. Yes I realize class size will increase and there'll be cuts. -Kill tenure. We all say we want the best for our kids. Stop allowing the union to continue to use their backs as a crutch to pass inflated school budgets.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:02 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

How about having one Superintendent & one Assistant Superintendent instead of multiple? How about freezing teacher salaries and having them pay into health benefits? --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:06 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think that many of us who work in the private sector have had to sacrifice wage increases, work fewer hours, lose our pension plans, and pay more towards our benefits. It's unconscienable that the EANJ fails to realize this and refuses to consider any alternatives to contain spending while expecting the taxpayers to bear all of the burden. The voters have sent a message. Cut the fat. Everyone has to share in sacrifice. Kenneth B Jones [REDACTED] - THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
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Importance: High

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Message:

GOOD ! Cut more. Why do schools need 15 administrators and principals ? Bunch of useless people maing ten times what they should, and THEY are all policial hack politically ties corrupt employees. Too much money is wasted on non education items. Sports trips and band trips. It's a learning facility not a social club. Why does Bayshore Middle School need ANOTHER addition. Why does Thorne need a giant ROUND room ? waste of money and waste of space. Teachers should NOT be tenured. WHYYYY where they not all fired when they choose to strike a few years back ?????? FIRE them all and hire back only the one that produce. Then the useless ones can be done away with and there will be more productivity and less politics. your schools and school budgets are OUT OF CONTROL ! HOW DARE PARENTS AND OTHER RALLY THE TROOPS AT ELECTION TIME, AND HOW DARE YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE THE KIDS DO WITH OUT....WHEN PEOPLE ARE LOOSING THEIR HOMES AND LOSING THEIR FAMILIES. DONT BALANCE THE BUDGET ON OUR KIDS BACK. GET REAL AND GET A CLUE. SEND YOUR KID TO RIAQ OR LOSE YOUR HOME THEN TELL ME HOW TO BALANCE SOMETHING. INSTEAD OF BALANCING THE BUDGET ON OUR KIDS BACK...HOW ABOUT STOP USING CHILDREN TO ACCOMPLISH POLITICAL AGENDAS AND TO MAKE YOUR WALLET FATTER YOU HIPOCRITICAL BUFFONS,--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

This is such a devastating time for the State of New Jersey. But cutting jobs of the people who work in the school system is hurtful to the rest of the staff and more importantly to students. I ABSOLUTELY DO NOT WANT ANY SPORTS ELIMINATED!!! THIS WILL PUT HUNDREDS ON KIDS ON THE STREETS WITH NOTHING TO DO EXCEPT GET INTO TROUBLE. PLEASE KEEP SPORTS IN THE SCHOOLS THANK YOU!!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:10 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Our children's education is the reason I live where I do, and accept higher taxes than adjacent areas, however the district should be treated as a business and the taxpayers as the customer. In the current economic crisis, concessions are required, and a one year salary freeze and insurance contributions are commonplace everywhere. Do more with less. Also, it is very difficult to discern the truth of the matter. There needs to be an individual party with no ties to the state or union to display all the facts allowing people to make educated decisions, rather than be influenced by the media or friends. AOM- concerned parent/taxpayer--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

If you are serious, then post the organizational charts for all departments. Are all departments conforming to a reasonable span of control? Do you have competent supervisors reporting to assistant managers who are just a pass through to upper management? --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:11 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

In this economy, everyone, whether it be individuals, school districts, communities, local, state and federal governments, must learn to live within their means and budget. We all have to sacrifice in order to get our state back on its feet. The people are too stretched to give any more in taxes. The school board needs to find other means to raise funds or to find places to cut. I am sure there is a lot of waist that can be looked into. One example is that many school districts have two sets of books for the kids. One for school and one for home so that they do not have to carry books home. We all carried our books home and my son does too. Just one suggestion.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

How about telling us where to read the details of the budget... --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:13 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The tax burden for an area with double digit unemployment is excessive. The candidates always state they represent the will of the people, we voted for NO INCREASE and we expect that from the council. Elections are coming!!!! Brian Delaney--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

How about freezing salaries as in the "real world"? Or having teachers fund their own pensions, again as we do in the "real world"?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:14 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Thankyou for asking for comments: I would prefer to not see any further cuts to academic and ancillary school programs at all. I supported the budget that failed. Nonetheless, if spending reductions are required I would like to see parents have the option of paying for the extras that their kids get. For instance, in middle school, I believe the Cross Country program is invaluable because it gives kids a purpose, has them work for a goal, supports participation by all kids (a no cut team), is healthy, supports teamwork, school spirit, etc. If I have to pay for my son to join it so the program stays alive I will do so, and I think other parents will too. Maybe that can be the way to save other programs that have proposed for cutting. Let's have fundraisers and/or ask parents of those needing them to kick in money if absolutely necessary. I would also like to see the electives added back into the High School course selection (such as Architecture). Cutting electives would always come before core subjects, but that comes at a price. Kids have little exposure to fields that they can consider for a career and need more electives to get an idea of what they might like. I would rather pay for that now by paying for high school courses which are much cheaper than having my child "explore" his way through college, paying a small fortune to figure out the career and course of study that is right for him. As far as a salary freeze, I would support that if it preserves those people's jobs and also stops further cuts (or at least minimizes them), but of course that is for the union to decide. They have to decide whether they can live with that, or if they will sacrifice more of their own union members in order to preserve their own raises. The point here is that everyone is in a tough economy. As I see it, your job is to ensure that you are still offering my children a comprehensive educational experience that is no way inferior to that has been offered to all Middletown children over the past years. Children that are in the system right now - in this economy - should not bear the brunt of these cuts just because they happen to be currently in their education years. It is not their fault we are in this mess and we have to do our best to make sure are delivering a consistent education over the years. Of course there is always room for belt tightening, but I think the belt is already too tight and unfortunately my children and those in their critical years in the Middletown Schools will suffer if adults are not sensible about the cuts they are making. So, I implore you to first make sure you are delivering the educational experience that the system's children need and deserve, and then secondly decide the way that can be funded. Not the other way around! Do not have the cost of the education drive what you can provide! I know it is a tall order, but we all face such financial issues in our personal lives and we all see it through somehow. There is always a way to do what is RIGHT and FAIR. Since the budget has failed, I have been looking for the proposals of further cuts and have not seen any. I for one would like to see a spreadsheet of proposals side by side with options of paying (extra pay by parents, etc) so that I, and other parents would be able to "vote" on the best option going forward. I am assuming that you are not required to have a new "vote" but that would be the best option in my view - a proposal vote. People would rather decide amongst options, rather than be asked to propose what or what not to cut; that would become a frenzy that will only serve the people that have the time and volition to press their agenda or standpoint - it will not serve all of Middletown. Thanks for

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your request, Carolyn Mc Ateer [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

It is absolutely outrageous that the union has not responded to the township committee. The should have to take a pay freeze AND an increase if their contribution to health care premiums. The number of administrators should be reduced. It is unnecessary to have two and three assistant principals at each school therefore staff reductions should be made. Finally, we should cancel sports programs prior to the high school years. Our kids don't know how to "play" after school since they are shuttled from one activity to another. This is essential to their growth learning how to get along with others without parental/adult supervision. The farce about sports teaching teams building skills and professional behaviors along with life lessons can be argued based on the behavior of most of our professional athletes. Enough is enough! Take a strong stand and stick to it! Our seniors have been forced to move away, now our families are going. Pretty soon you'll have no one to govern.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Suggesting one-year salary freeze and program cuts, as an alternative to additional personnel cuts. ---
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I suggest that you work with getting the teachers agree to a wage freeze and to also agree to contribute more to their benefits package like the rest of us who are not teachers. I also feel that there are areas that can be consolidated such as having administrators who are responsible for more than one school. Keep a close check on the spending that is done within the schools by the department heads. Once given a certain amount of money each year to spend, they make sure they spend it all, even if it doesn't need to be used. Don't cut their allotted money for next year if they do this, which is what they fear will happen, but let them know that they need to keep a check on what they spend.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I definately agree that the tteachers should accept a pay freeze--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sant: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:20 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I agree with the salary freeze--teachers' are well compensated for their services--and if they do not care for the freeze--well there are other jobs in other parts of the country. Also, children in this day and age feel "entitled"--perhaps it's time we returned to "reading, writing and arithmetic" and a full school day. Cut back on services that are not in the realm of basic teaching--ploos--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Every industry in the US has been hit over the last decade with severe cuts to employment, wage freezes, benefit cuts, pension elimination. The public sector has been immune to this so far and it is only reasonable that teachers and other public sector jobs face the pain. I have two children in Middletown public schools and do not look forward to larger class sizes. However, I did vote against the budget as school budget taxes have gone up astronomically while the township has done a reasonable job at keeping its taxes stable. The teacher's union needs to come to grips with today's economy. Places to cut in my opinion are in the all-day kindergarten which we did just fine until last year without. I also feel that per-pupil spending in special-education is unfairly much greater than for regular education. So much so, that the mainstream as well as gifted students suffer. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

If we have examined all costs and made sure that we have eliminated all wasteful expenditures, including those involving inappropriate (even corrupt) charges, I then concur with Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger's proposed one-year salary freeze. It is unfortunate but in these times many have had to forego at least one year of salary increases and as we all know many have sacrificed even more having lost their jobs. Thank you.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I do not understand why teachers think that should be getting raises. I do not know anyone except for Wall Street who get raisers. In this day and age I think teachers and parents need to wake up and see the real world picture. We need to slim down. I went to public school and had 33 children in my class and have done very well in my life. Parents who have to take an active part in your children's school long. If home work is assigned see that it is done and if God forbid, you have to help or your child needs additional help get it. Do not have your child classified just because you do not want to do the work. And be a parent, not just a friend. You wanted the children now do your part. Teachers are not the parents of your child. They are there to their part in educationg your children. Teachers must also do their part. If you are tired of teaching retire or get another job. Teachers must be held accountable for the job they do. If they are not fit to teach, then they should be let go. Tenure is notd a word that should be held over our heads that because they have it, nothing can be done to them. Unions are responsible for this mess we are in because they are the ones who came up with the system and they refuse to change it. Get over yourself and see what the "REAL WORLD" is all about. We all have to be held accountable for our jobs. I never got a raise because I did nothing to deserve it. Administrators must also do their jobs by filing paper wrok to have teachers that are not doing their jobs be given warnings and then if it does not improve, then they should be looking at a new job. Teachers must also contribute to their health care just like the rest of us do. I never understood why we as tax payers pay for their health care. My husband worked for a helath insurance company and we still had to pay for our health care. Why not? contracts must also change in the area of sick time and vacation time. There should be only a certain number of days that you can carry-over from one year to the next. So when you retire, you are not given some much money for the days you never took. I think we should all work together to fix the mess we are in. We have to learn to do without or less, and ask how well the system is working now. Are our children learning, are parents and teachers doing their jobs or are we satisfied with the status quo. We all need to look into the mirror and answer the questions.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:27 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Pay to play should be enacted immediately. It's inequitable enough that those without children collaterally shoulder the financial responsibility of their neighbors with children; childless residents should hardly have to pay for Middletown's sports programs. The fiscal burden of all extracurricular sports should be the sole responsibility of the parents of the children on the fields. Christopher V. Lopez
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Message:

With all the cuts the township has been making within other departments, its time for the board of education to step up. Cut the wasted administrators in the main offices. How many principals does one school really need? I.e.: high schools! How about trying shared services? It is time for the teachers to take a 0% raise. I was forced to take one as a township employee in 2010 to help save the budget! Instead they waste our tax dollars and use our kids to defend themselves and actions! It is time for the tax payers and committee to put their foot down. Turf fields, plastic bubbles that always have issues, telephone pole jungle gyms, and the list goes on. I have a child about to enter the system and I am embarrassed to see all the waste! I received a great education from the MBOE and would love for my child to get the same. Cut the budget and all the waste. Here is a great idea: Privatize the cleaning, security guards, and maintenance sections! Respectfully submitted to you and totally against the school budget / waste! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a 46 years old single man, professional. I have a Computer Science Engineer degree with more than 20 years of experience in the Technology industry and currently I have been unemployed for more than 18 months. As a homeowner, Middletown resident and taxpayer with all my payments up to date and current, I do strongly believe this constant School Budget increases are OUT OF CONTROL and honestly I am already paying my fair share of taxes. I have no kids and no dependents that are benefiting from the School System currently, therefore I voted no because I am in no type of financial condition to pay more taxes for something I don't get out anything and I don't get any benefit. The School Budget Board should use some common sense and realize nationwide we have an official 10% unemployment, so we all have to be frugal until the economy improves. Therefore I am against any increase of taxes to pay for any increase in the school budget. Middletown, Monmouth County and the state should try perhaps to see if they can get any additional funding or grants from the Federal Government but we already pay enough taxes. We all have to live within our means and be frugal. Don't you love your new republican governor Chris Christie? Ask him for help but not at the expense of more financial burden to the Middletown residents. Enough is enough. Thanks, Carlos A. Morillo [REDACTED]
Middletown, NJ 07748 [REDACTED] -- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:29 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Dear Committee - At a time when everyone is tightening their collective belts, it is only natural that the schools must do the same. The burden on taxpayers has become too much to bear for many residents. My taxes have increased steadily over the last 8 years - more than 50% since 2002. It is time for another solution. Politicians, administrators & supervisors will be loathe to admit it, but each small township doesn't require all of it's own independent services. The school district is but one example. Keep teachers - Negotiate a salary reduction in lieu of saving positions. If that fails, then take the necessary measures - reduce payroll, increase class size, increase the number of daily classes for each teacher. Do what any organization would do when there just isn't the money to support itself - cut back. Reduce the number of administrative posts by combining services - Join forces with neighboring townships, eliminating all the high-paying supervisory posts in the process, while also saving the costs to operate the administrative offices. Put more of the onus on individuals who are actively using the school system - whether that means more time from parents volunteering services or paying more for extra-curricular activities, it is only fair that those most directly involved need to bear more of the costs. Lower the amount of money taken from property taxes for the school system, thereby lowering property taxes in general, & institute an additional & separate school tax - Households with no children using the schools are charge nothing. Those with children in school are taxed proportionally based on number of children, property value & income. Sincerely -Robert Barone --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:31 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 12:32 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a Senior Citizen, however, as a Museum Educational Curator I feel strongly that education of our children should be our first priority. I would rather see my taxes increase, than cut the school budget for two reasons: 1. Our children of today will be our adults of tomorrow with the inherent responsibility of an adult. They must have a good education to obtain a job and make decisions that affect their families and the country they live in. 2. The value of our real estate is tied to many things including the standing of our educational system. Fewer people will buy a house in Middletown if the schools are over crowded and the buildings are not maintained.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a parent with three children in River Plaza elementary school, before the township cuts teachers or school supplies, do the following: 1. Cut administrative positions. Particularly recently hired asst. superintendent. Savings \$150,000(benefits and salary). 2. Eliminate several principal positions at elementary school level, having remaining principals responsible for two schools. 3. Eliminate one elementary school (River Plaza) and bus children evenly split amongst other elementary(Lincroft, Fairview, and Nut Swamp). Reduce teaching staff accordingly. Larger class sizes of 25-30 at remaining schools, while unfortunate would be tolerable, given the poor condition of River Plaza school, a school that is crumbling on the outside and has a classroom in storage area off the all purpose room. I want and support a strong public education system for my children, and as a republican, I am frustrated with the governor's draconian budget cuts and disgusted with his nonsensical political posturing. As an engineer in private industry, if need be, I will relocate my family to a community which values public education and a state which is not playing political games with my children's education. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:33 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a resident with two children in Bayshore Middle School I ask that the council think very hard about the impact that further cuts will have on our children. A weak school district will not only lower our property values it will reduce the quality of students who graduate from Middletown. These students must compete in the global economy, and to do so they must be well educated.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The residents of this Township clearly wanted to send a message to the Board of Education that they have had enough of ever increasing school taxes and high salaries for Administrators. I believe the Schools technology budget is a wish list and unreasonable. Why do elementary school children need laptops? specially when they are in schools where the bathrooms and structural facilities are falling down around them? I think the Township Committee should look to consider cutting more administrative staff. The Committee should also ask the Superintendent why disciplinary cases in the school get para professionals who are assigned to them to shadow them like babysitters at the expense of the tax payer. Also, why do we need a teacher making \$90,000 per year who goes around to kindergartners to teach them "Its OK to be Different" isn't that what parents and regular teachers are for? And finally what are "District Director's"? Do we really need FOUR of them? They serve no purpose except this is a position principals and teachers are put when they fail in their original positions. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:37 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Cut some administrators! Why are they always sacrosanct? One administrator equals three secretaries plus supplies, and guess who does all the work!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

We all need to understand that, although this year's school budget has suffered from devastating cuts, next year will not be any better. Accordingly, I believe we need a longer term plan to address these issues. I would suggest that the school district rezone and look at consolidating or shutting down some of the schools. This would save administration costs (principal, custodians, etc.) and facility costs (electricity, water, maintenance, etc.) There are currently 12 elementary schools that are all over 40 years old and require significant facility needs. Some of these elementary schools are significantly overcrowded while others have numerous open classrooms. The elementary schools range in student populations of 250 to 600 students. I hope that in these dire times that our township and school district leaders will not be afraid to make some hard decisions. We can not keep cutting staff across the board without leading to larger class sizes. Thank you for your consideration... --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:38 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think the teacher's union should accept a wage freeze for a year and stop this nonsense. There is no need to fire teachers, cut programs etc. The school board has spent our taxpayer money unwisely, like the taxpayers of the town have a never ending open pocketbook for them. The school board knew there were going to be cuts, so what did they do, they offered full day kindergarten. Not the most prudent thing to do during a recession. It got hot 1 spring, so in goes central air for the elementary schools. I for one am sick and tired of them using my children as pawns for their gain. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Importance: High

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Message:

I was appalled that the budget wasn't approved. A good school system does much to attract younger home buyers, thereby keeping property values higher, and bringing in more taxes to the township and county.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

I am devastated and disgusted by the shortsightedness of those voters who failed to support the school budget. There is nothing more important than education, and by cutting the budget all we accomplish is less teachers (certainly, less competent teachers), crowded classrooms, diminished programs, lower quality of education, therefore, Middletown will become less desirable township to live. The voters saved \$14 a month in taxes at expense of schoolkids. I am ashamed to be a part of such town. My only suggestion is not to cut the budget, not fire teachers and aids, not increase size of classrooms, not turn our kids into idiots (because that is what the lack of individual attention does), not cripple our schools by removing after school activities, sports activities, and special education programs. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

The 1 year salary freeze is a great suggestion, in addition possible salary reductions should be considered for overpaid staff at schools across the board. Each high school should go back to having only 1 Vice Principal on staff instead of 3, and there should be 1 secretary to be shared by Principal and Vice Principal. The students should not be the ones to suffer because of the budget cuts, leave all programs and activities in place for students, look to eliminate un-necessary staff and reduce salaries. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

It's about time! Tell them to apply toward the school budget some of the \$\$\$ that they used/use for advertising their positions/arguments.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Teachers need to take a pay cut! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Good Morning - For too long, the Administrators and teachers have taken a very large share of the school budget. It is past time for them to consolidate positions, cut benefits and join the real world...The children should come first but for years it has not been that way. Don't try to scare us with talk of cuts in school programs....it will no longer work. There are too many families hurting in this economy for us to have any great sympathy for the Administrators and teachers....Thank you.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

I voted for the budget and thought it looked fine. I have one child entering kindergarten this September and two younger children. Please don't make any drastic cuts to the new budget! I want to send my children to River Plaza and allow them and their teachers a positive experience in a Middletown public school! Marguerite Stocker--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Well, unfortunately you can't do what I would like which is "offer the teachers a deal that includes a pay freeze and contributions to health care and those they don't agree get fired." I wasn't asked if it was ok to freeze my pay - they just did it. Why do they get to operate in a world that the rest of us don't? Ok, that's over. Now, make sports and other activities a pay for play deal. We, as parents pay for tons of travel teams and other activities for our kids up until high school (for the most part), so have us continue to do that instead of cutting sports. Streamline the school's administrators. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

We are in full agreement with the Mayor regarding teachers salary freeze. The committee should also keep in mind that all three incumbents were defeated in the school board election. That should indicate the residents are generally unhappy with the way the board has been spending more than we can afford. We have always supported education expenses; we have educated four children and two of our kids are teachers; however the expenses have gotten way out of hand. Fred and Sue Mancuso.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:41 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I think this year is very particular. The tax increase that the school proposed was not intended to increase revenues but to fill a huge gap created by the state cut. The district has already reduced its budget by 10 million, and any additional cut will hit the kids of middletown the hardest. Programs cuts, bigger class sizes and less teachers will only reduce the interest that kids have in school. I believe the township should not hit the ditriect while it's down and should propose limited additional cuts. Thank you for your consideration Oriane Vallet Resident of Middletown--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I am so frustrated by the MTEA and their not allowing a wage freeze. Why do we and all the other state workers have to suffer cutbacks, wage freezes and benefit contributions, yet leave others exempt time and again? I have supported every school budget for 38 years. This was the first time I said no. It's give and take time. People need to stop spending money they haven't earned. Stop believing the State or the people owe you anything more than we receive ourselves. Educators push your union back on it's heels for a change and think for yourselves. There is plenty of other money disappearing out there other than this. We know. Administrators, take a cut!!! Police ? and others? You must know we are not your deep pockets! Give us a break for a change. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

I think the salary freeze is fair if it means our childrens programs wont be cut. I do not want to see a pay -
to -play program for sports or other activities. Has re-routing the buses been looked at?--- THIS
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:42 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

My only comments is that I'm thrilled that the school budget has been defeated. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Importance: High

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Message:

i agree with the proposed 1-year salary freeze. the rest of us had to deal with pay cuts over the past year as well. why should teachers be any different. i also don't think they should cut sports programs out of the budget. this keeps our kids occupied and off the streets where they could get into more trouble, not to mention this provides opportunities for scholarships towards college. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

My first suggestion is get rid of tenure for teachers and even more so for the school secretaries. I know of secretaries at the board of ed that couldn't get jobs on the outside for what they are making in the school system. Make them contribute to their health insurance like the rest of us do. The secretaries also have the same vacations that the teachers have, they are off when school is closed for holidays, snow days, conferences, etc...figure out what they are making hourly if you consider all the time they have off and get paid for. Maybe by eliminating some of the extra curricular activities, or making parents at least contribute to the cost of them would help. I understand that there are parents in Middletown that don't have an overabundance of money and their children are entitled to school activities, but school taxes are forcing seniors like myself to have to leave their homes. There are other free things out there like Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts that children should be involved in. Don't put the burden of entertaining other people's kids on the taxpayers. Let kids play football on real grass, no astro turf, and don't light playing fields so kids can play all night. Let them have some family time at home, or heaven forbid to study. ---
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Message:

Sell land-approx income is \$1.8 mill Cancel full day Kindergarten-Approx savings \$1 mill. Plus freed up, much needed class space Renegotiate bus routes-Aprox savings \$200k Outsource building Maintnace-Approx savings \$500k Graduate students on the football fields,and cancel 8th grade graduations, approx savings \$50k / year Reduce paid teachers as shaparones at events like football games Hire a full time lawyer. Approx cost \$250k-approx savings \$500k --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

Since we can't change the system of health benefits and retirement benefits the teachers unions demand why dont we close down some of the "tech" schools? High Tech and Bio tech for instance. They cater to a smaller number of students and remove them from the normal school population. I know that the honors programs in the middle schools have been changed to incorporate both honors and non honors students (because i was told it helps the non honor students excell) why not put the best students from the high tech schools back into the normal school population. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:46 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Considering the economy and times we are in the Township needs to justify the job rersposnibilites of EVERY Administrative and Clerical position in the school system. Can schools be managed with less overhead by reducing the number of positions we have in Principals and Asst Principles, office clericals and department heads. Salary freezes are bandaids--they never address the problem--but that would be typical of our Township committee.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

You will need to take out more administrative, secretaries, type workers non productive teachers not just because they have no tenure. 1. Administrator positions 7 at \$735k? 100k+ each 2 Teaching staff 72.5 \$4,712,500? 65k each Something really wrong there. Make it work you enough free time with the money now do like the rest of the world get more work from the people you have after the cuts.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

By the way, it is great to see some bottom up management..The township asking the taxpayers their view!! Awesome.. Imagine if the Middletown school admin took this approach. Results I guess.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:46 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Given the difficult economic times that we are in, sacrifices and concessions need to be made. There have already been enough layoffs in the school district. Any more layoffs are just hurting our children. I believe the mayor's idea for a one-year salary freeze is the best way to balance the budget, save teacher jobs, and help our children. Now it's time for the teachers' union to make some concessions and sacrifices and agree to a one-year salary freeze. They should be trying to protect as many jobs as they can, not just the ones who have the most tenure. In the private sector, if a company is losing money, it's employees will not get a raise. The same basic principles should apply to the public sector.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Try outsourcing maintenance, security, lunch workers and paras. This save on the high cost of benefits. -
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:47 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The Middletown Twp. voters have spoken...the school budget is too high, too costly. As a retired teacher of 32 years (31 yrs.-public school; 1 yr. Catholic school), I can attest to the unbelievable waste that occurs in supplying our public schools with teaching materials. Currently employed teachers don't speak out for obvious reasons. Top-notch learning can be achieved with much less frills than we have today. Let this budget vote be a lesson for educators...let them get back to being frugal with taxpayers' money!-
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Importance: High

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Message:

The condition of school baseball fields is poor at best. I see BOE employees driving around on large expensive tractors. Can the grounds maintenance be outsourced or could a landscape contractor be permitted to service the grounds in exchange for placing advertisements along the field fences? --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a Middletown resident who has been unemployed for more than a year, and one who is struggling to find work in my field, I strongly support the Mayor's suggestion that educators accept a one-year salary freeze in an effort to prevent more people from losing their jobs to layoffs. I also recommend that the town council listen to voters who time and again point to the outrageous level of bureaucracy and administration in our school system, such as: Assistant Superintendents (\$129k-\$132k salaries) Assistant Principals (\$92k-\$124k salaries) Directors of Curriculum & Instruction (\$119k-142k salaries) School Business Administrators (\$89k-\$151k salaries) When the town council targets additional cuts to reduce spending and avoid another tax increase, please focus on these positions and not the people (classroom teachers) and programs that directly benefit our kids. And thank you for offering Middletown voters a convenient way to weigh in on this painful process. Sincerely, Theresa Cullen Middletown, NJ--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I think that it is terrible that the budget was defeated. Our distric needs the funds in order to continue providing the level of education that we do. For the cost of one cup of coffee per month per household, the budget could have passed! Amazing. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

From an arms length viewpoint. It seems to me that there are far too many admin position in the school board. That's where there is a lot of fat. Personally I don't remember seeing 3 people in the principal's office in my grammar school. There was the principal and the school secretary, that's it. By the way, why are the lights in the Middletown Library turned on when it's clearly closed? I turn off my lights when I'm not home because it costs me money. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:51 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Re-organize school board financing to meet Gov. Christie's budget requests by eliminating excess sr. level management and administration positions, implement teacher wage freeze for the year, implement permanent wage increase cap, implement teacher mandatory contribution to health care plan (as the corporate employees do and have done so for a long time now). -Susan A. Sodon Locust, NJ--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:42 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

There has got to be a way to cut the fat in the school budget without firing teachers, cutting much needed sport program or raising taxes. ENOUGH is enough. The whining, party loyalty and over dominate unions have to end. Figure it out!!! As a Middletown resident for 14 years I have paid my ridiculously inflated taxes just to have them doubled and still pay extra to send my children to Catholic school. Stop paying the NJEA Union dues and make your own decisions on how you want the money spent. Middletown is receiving millions from its tax payers but still seems to ask for more ever year. My income has increased nominally over the past 8 years yet my taxes have doubled and yet I have found a way. How is it that the Middletown BOE can not do the same? There is no need to fire teachers, especially new ones, their salaries are not the problems. Personally I would get rid of tenure and the teachers that are tired, ineffective and are just going through the motions. Get rid of the fat just like everyone has done in their own homes to be able to pay their Middletown taxes. Let me know if you need some help!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:49 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Keep graduations at our schools; that would save money. Eliminate sports and after school clubs. Education is priority.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Rather than a salary freeze, let's reduce the number of Administrators. Do we really need 39 principles and asst. Principles making \$105,000 each. Do we need 7 principles at HS North.---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:56 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

 Most unfortunate but like individuals having to live on less income, higher taxes, fewer services it is time for Middletown Township to come to the table and streamline Government and not just the Education department. Maybe like all other countries (Asian) change the education system to 11 month year round. You will see a significant increase in our children's grades and global competitiveness in a very short period of time. Today they forget more over the summer vacation than they learn. Why are we paying double, triple pensions? Eliminate this practice immediately and make it retroactive to the last contract (hard to do but you must try). With the change in the education calendar year make sure that there is no increase in Teacher and Superintendant incomes or benefits. Consolidate Schools and Districts. How many do we really need? As you are well aware about 80% of our Property Tax Dollars go to pay for our schools. How about we get in front of this issue in the State and begin to look for way's to lower our Taxes across the board. I am sure the majority of our Township citizens are in favor of LESS government lower taxes therefore, keeping more of our hard earned income. This would automatically put more money into our citizens pockets to buy more of our neighbors businesses and services spurring local economic growth which will help all of us. I see many areas where money can be saved. How about doing away with any cars for Township employees or anything that looks, feels or smells like a perk. How about all Police Cars, Township cars and trucks being brought back to the Township after each shift and accounting for this daily. I am sure that this would save a lot of gas and wear and tear over the years prolonging the life of these vehicles and again cutting government costs. I would again recommend seeing where any Union contracts are up for renewal and automatically cut those contracts by 20% or more and that any new contracts only be given out to LOCAL (20-25 Miles Radius) companies of Middletown Township again saving the township significant money. I will think more about this but its time for drastic change in how Gov't delivers services. As we tell our kids "be a leader not a follower". We expect that from your our elected officials.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I wish the teachers could actually vote on whether to accept a pay freeze or not. I understand the union is not allowing them to do so. Most teachers at River Plaza School have said they would accept a pay freeze, if allowed to do so. I have heard there would be no non-varsity sports, which I object to. I also have heard that middle school band would be an after-school activity which I would have to fund, which I object to, as I am already paying for an instrumental rental.
Sincerely, Carla Iannone--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:37 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I agree with our esteemed mayor, if the teachers refuse to give up there wage increases for one year the budget should be cut equal to the amount the pay freeze would save. Our community has made sacrifices and the teachers should as well. A line needs to be drawn in the sand. We just can't afford it any more. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:24 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

One year salary freeze for school personnel. Consider another look at administrative school positions! Eliminate middle school sports--we have an extensive "rec" and travel team system.---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:15 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

-Cut teaching positions, including tenured teachers -Freeze teaching and administration salaries -
Cut sports -Cut phys ed programs -Cut music programs -Cut home economics programs -Cut art
programs -Cut township services -Be tougher in any future union negotiations -Avoid hiring of
unionized staff whenever possible We must live within our means.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:15 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I suggest the town look at the real impact on our schools and children. over 25 students in a classroom is not acceptable for learning. Also many employees work for the school system, think of the impact on your residents as well. No one likes higher taxes, but our teachers and school staff did not cause this problem. Many teachers asked to do the pay freeze, but the union refuses to open the contracts saying it will be a problem... hiding behind that they are protecting the teachers retirement money.... the whole situation is unfortunate and I hope cooler heads will prevail and a solution found. The budget voted on was not published correctly, taxes would have been not much over \$15 a month. residents came to the polls saying it would be thousands of dollars... not true. I am very disheartened by the outright negligence of the town in supplying factual information about the school budget costs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:18 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I do not remember a school budget that did not increase in the last 24 years. It's time to put a stop to ever increasing costs. I believe the school board can keep the budget the same as last years' with reductions they have proposed and also reductions from "fat" in the budget. I believe the NJEA is a real impediment to realistic salary structures and number of staffing. Health costs are tough but in the real world \$1000 per month family policies are a reality. Teachers and other union members should pay more toward their insurance policies, not 1.5% but closer to 4-5% over time.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:25 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Reduce the amount of principles and vice principles each school has. Layoff some of the extremely high paid administrators. If you would like more tax revenue go after some of the properties in Middletown that are classified as farm land and have a bee hive or sell firewood its time for these people to start paying the full property tax on there multi million dollar estates. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 8:15 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Cut out the Public Relations person who part time gets 16K a year basically benefits yet
paraprofessionals do not get benefits. Cut out the 10K(?) advisory money associated with Bottle
Cappers. That is outrageous. Cut back on the maintenance overtime as well as custodial overtime.---
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 8:22 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I THINK THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SHOULD BE DONE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS TO SAVE MONEY ON THE COST OF THE DAY. I HEARD IT COST 26K WHICH SOUNDS CRAZY TO ME. MIDDLETOWN SOUTH HAS A TON OF PROPERTY TO HAVE THE GRADUATION THERE. ALSO, I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE RIVER PLAZA CLOSE SINCE MY KIDS ARE THERE NOW & WILL BE THERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME. I STAYED IN RIVER PLAZA B/C OF THE SCHOOL WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ABOUT 4 YEARS AGO 7 STAYED B/C OF RP SCHOOL. I THINK BY CLOSING THE SCHOOL WILL REALLY CREATE A BIG PROBLEM WITH RESIDENTS INCLUDING MYSELF. ONE SUGGESTION IS TO SHARE PRINCIPALS B/W ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. IT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED & SAVE MONEY. BEST OF LUCK TO YOU ALL. I KNOW IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE THESE TYPES OF DECISIONS. THANK YOUS--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 8:41 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I find it amazing that we are paying 16k for a part time PR person and that the 16K includes payment for half of her benefits which we share with RBR high school. It is my understanding that we do not pay benefits for any other part time positions so why this one. Even the major networks are cutting back on their reporting staff. The 16K would go a long way in paying for our coaching staff which would benefit the students.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Scharfenberger, Gerry

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:01 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think that the number of administrators should be reviewed. We have 17 schools in town. While each one needs a principal, How many vice principals, curriculum directors, etc. are employed at each school? Are they ALL necessary? I suspect not. It is the bloat of beauracracy that causes this. I am not suggesting that anyone is not doing his/her job, but I suspect that there is much overlap and a great deal of what is done by any one of them can be consolidated into the jobs of two or even three administrators. The suggestion that teachers jobs or student programs should be cut, before looking at this obvious source of reduction is an effort to punish the teachers and students at the expense of saving the administrators. Just my suggestion.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:02 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a broad overview (non-specific) Cut sports where ever possible (we have very few Pele or A Rod material students), color guard, etc. Maintain academic competitions budget - it's not that much - sports is the heavy hitter. Use the sports saving to KEEP NEW TEACHERS - those without tenure are valuable - energetic, innovative, etc. Don't bring back the ones who were moved to administration FOR A REASON (to get them out of the classrooms where they were NOT effective!) --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:25 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Hold the administrators more accountable for monies spent. Additionally, insist that the employees take the freeze as we will all have to do to ensure that more people can keep their jobs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:48 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

You need to freeze all school staff's salaries; except administrators - they should receive a 5% pay cut. Too many administrators. Freeze all step increases to zero for the budget; cut all stipends for additional work by 50% How many perks do administrators get? Cut their perks, including cars, by 50%. Total up all the costs which would be saved if these actions were accepted by staff and cut the defeated budget by that amount. Any layoffs of teachers will be caused by the failure of their union to accept the economic realities of today. Has anybody thought of a buyout of older (60 years of age or older) teachers who are eligible to retire? There is a substantial cost involved to a layoff (\$600 per week per person laid off - that's about \$15,000 for 6 months, \$45,000 for 18 months - which has to be paid from a bankrupt Unemployment Compensation Fund). And every older teacher (read highest paid teacher) who retires will save two younger (and lowest paid) teachers (that saves about \$30,000 for 6 months of unemployment). And the older teacher is 5 or less years away from Medicare health insurance - the state's health plan would become secondary (and less costly). By the way, great job in seeking written input from the public - saves our time from attending a public meeting which would probably turn into a circus of fools with nothing accomplished. Now you can look at the suggestions instead of the person presenting the suggestions and evaluate in a more logical fashion. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Scharfenberger, Gerry

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a parent with three children in River Plaza elementary school, before the township cuts teachers or school supplies, do the following: 1. Cut administrative positions. Particularly recently hired asst. superintendent. Savings \$150,000(benefits and salary). 2. Eliminate several principal positions at elementary school level, having remaining principals responsible for two schools. 3. Eliminate one elementary school (River Plaza) and bus children evenly split amongst other elementary(Lincroft, Fairview, and Nut Swamp). Reduce teaching staff accordingly. Larger class sizes of 25-30 at remaining schools, while unfortunate would be tolerable, given the poor condition of River Plaza school, a school that is crumbling on the outside and has a classroom in storage area off the all purpose room. I want and support a strong public education system for my children, and as a republican, I am frustrated with the governor's draconian budget cuts and disgusted with his nonsensical political posturing. As an engineer in private industry, if need be, I will relocate my family to a community which values public education and a state which is not playing political games with my children's education. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:14 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Dear Township Committee members, I would like to say I voted for the budget and thoroughly support the Board of Education and the way they have handled the significant cuts in state funding. I do agree with your position of asking the teachers union to take a pay freeze for the upcoming year. I am thoroughly disgusted that the MTEA has not responded to your request nor have they put this issue to a vote among their members. I am one among many in this town who have seen our household income decrease as a result of this economy and believe taking a pay freeze is not asking too much. With that said I have three children in the school system in third, fifth and seventh grade. I will be devastated if there are further cuts for this upcoming school year. One thing that has been talked about is the potential cuts to the middle school and non-varsity sports. My daughter has played on the field hockey team and softball team at Thompson this year and if she does not have that opportunity for the next couple of years it will be terrible. She will never get this opportunity back. I implore you to leave the school budget as is - there have been enough cuts for the upcoming year. Work with the state to implement change so teachers will retire and tenure becomes a non-issue. Then, next year during contract negotiations with the teachers union, force the wage freeze on them for the next year or two. Don't make our kids suffer anymore - they have paid dearly already. Jackie Totilo [REDACTED] NJ---
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Message:

Please keep any cuts to a minimum - the schools have already made significant cuts.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Importance: High

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Message:

As I agree the students need after school activities / sports, the tax payer should not have to pay for these. Have the student and/or family involved pay a fee for this extra activitiy. Have the teachers take a 0% raise! Make all cleaning / janitorial obligations private. Have an open bid for these tasks and we will save a boat load not having to pay for benefits, pensions, and time off. Have the teachers take on the role of security guards like in the past and cut them all together. Isn't that why we have police? --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:10 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Can the families who use the school buses be required to pay for this service, which would cover gas, maintenance, and salaries of the bus drivers? wouldn't this save the township a lot of money? and if this could be implemented, could we please also re-implement the late buses every day, so that kids have a ride home from after -school activities? it is an incredible and unconscionable waste of individuals' time and gas when every parent needs to go pick up their child at school every day. Of course, the late bus would require an additional payment as well.---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I ask you to cut \$1 from next year's school budget. The superintendent and BOE have worked very hard the last 10 years to bring back some of the exceptional programming that Middletown schools were known for in the past. Cutting money from the budget will only take important educational opportunities from the students and increase class size. Please address teacher salaries/benefits at the appropriate time at the next union contract negotiations, not now. Thank you.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:07 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

In industry, we all contribute to our medical plans time for Gov't to do the same and that includes school teachers and administration. We are flatening our organization and increasing the span of control - time for school administration to do the same. Freeze pay for one or two years just like my industry.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:05 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

#1 - I voted FOR the budget #2 - The schools that are operating efficiently and effectively should be left alone, i.e., Lincroft School! As for the rest of the schools, I think the ones that would benefit from some changes should be looked at closely - - this budget cut issue could become an great opportunity to realign the schools that may not be functioning as well as they should. - Debbie O'Connor--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:49 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Personally, I feel a pay freeze and/or teacher paying a portion of their benefits is fair. My Husband is Union Carpenter and not only is he on a one year pay freeze, but the Union took away the last two years of raises & my level 3 health benefits (vision, chiropractic, dental). The Union has also added a \$10 copay, \$100 ER visit co-pay & raised the amount that is paid in for the benefits. Friends of ours have recently had to take Mandatory Furlow & a 5% paycut plus many changes in health benefits. I have also heard that some of the Teachers have offered to take a cut in salary for after school programs and the Teachers Union said NO. This matter should be addressed with the Union, why if teachers are willing to take cuts to save the programs are they not allowed. It seems that not only our students enjoy these programs but if our Teachers are willing to take a pay cut the teachers enjoy them too. I also think that if programs are going to be cut then it should be taken into account that many programs have a rec league & many do not. Soccer, softball & Baseball have many leagues in the area where as programs like Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse & Chess do not have rec leagues in the area, so maybe they should not be cut. Thank You for your time. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:54 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

No tax increase!! Accept raise freeze, teachers will get increase via. steps anyway. --- THIS
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:43 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Despite the continuing animosity between the Governor and the NJEA, we all must face the stark reality that costs must be brought under control. I am the father of a teacher in the Middletown School system as well as a 34 year resident of Middletown. While I want to see teachers paid properly (if a sports star is worth millions, then why do we complain about teachers salaries) but at the same time something needs to be done to weed out the teachers who no longer have the desire to teach. Having put 2 children through Middletown Schools, I know there were a small number of teachers who were there to collect a pay check only. In reviewing the school payroll, there are 3 things that jump out - the large number of teachers with 30+ years of experience, the total number of employees on the district office payroll that do not teach and the seemingly unwarranted number of assistant principals (12) in the 2 high schools. While experience is often the best teacher, the need for a process to weed out those who no longer have the students best interest at the forefront needs to be established. The payroll for the district office is in excess of \$5 million yearly. If that payroll is justified and needed to keep the quality of education in Middletown high, then fine. But, has that payroll been reviewed recently to ascertain if the community is getting the return from non teaching employees. And is a payroll in excess of \$1 million yearly for assistant principals at the 2 high schools a sound expenditure. I know a school system cannot be run the same way a business can but when the budget for the school system is \$120 million plus, business principles must be part of all decisions. David Smith [REDACTED]
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:48 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I have done the math based on the actual hours worked by the teachers of Middletown. The hourly rate is 197\$ an hour. In my opinion they can take their Community College Education and go find a real job. The entitlement attitude of this group is incredible. Only in teaching can you get tenure and go to a rubber room when you break the law. (at full pay that is) I hope they all get laid off. I think I will go crazy if I see one more sign that says "save our children" when it should really say "save our pay raises". Lets hear it for charter schools. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

layoffs--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:44 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a Middletown parent with two kids attending Middletown Village school. It would be my preference that the teachers would take the salary freeze, but I would not expect them to do so at this point. In any case, the best long-term option would be to close one of the elementary schools at this point. From a township perspective, I would make that recommendation and ask the board what type of savings that would bring and I would reduce the tax levy by that amount. River Plaza seems like the best option for several reasons, but I would do so with an eye on a long-term plan that would make this palatable for all. This would require making the River Plaza closing the start of revamping the elementary school make-up in this town with renovations that would eventually allow River Plaza to be re-opened at double its size, eventually allowing another school to be permanently closed. I would continue to do so with other schools until we halve the number of elementary schools. We have way too many schools in our district, most are too old and have poor facilities. We can kill two birds with one stone here, revamp our schools and temporarily reduce yearly costs and permanently reduce other costs by doing so. Sincerely, Adam Lefkowitz [REDACTED] Middletown, NJ--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:39 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

IETS CUT BACK ON THE SUPERVISORS. THEY DO NOT ADD VALUE. HOWEVER THE TOWN SHOULD DEMAND THE SAME LEFVEL OF FUNDING THAT THE ABBOTT DISTRICTS GET. AFTER ALL IT IS OUR INCOME TAX DOLLARS FUNDING THESE DISTRICTS NOT PROPERTY TAXES. IET'S REMOVE THE GRAVE TRAIN GIVEN TO ATTORNEYS TO NEGOTATE FOR THE SCHOOL BOARDS. IF THE SIUPEINTENDENT IS NOT CAPABLE OF NEGOTATING FIND ONE THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO DO SO. BUSING- INCREASE THE MINIMUM MILEAGE - THIS WILL IMPROVE THE KIDS HEALTH EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CURRICULM NOTHING MORE AND NOTNING LESS. THEIR SHOULD BE ONE REAL ESTATE RATABLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE SAME FUNDING LEVEL FOR EACH STUDENT IN THE STATE. THE INSUFFICIENCY IN HITTING THE STUDENT FUNDING REQUIREMENT IS MADE UP FROM THE STATE sAME TEACHER CONTRACT THROUGHOUT THE STATE- ABBOTT TEACHERS BENEFITS ARE MUCH HIGHER. ELIMINATE ALL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING - NO TRAVEL OR ENTERTAINMENT - FOR ADMINISTRATION. ALL STSTE MANDATED PROGRAMS WE SHOULD INSIST THAT THE STATE PAY. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I support Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger's proposed a one-year salary freeze as an alternative to additional personnel and program cuts to the district's defeated budget proposal. I think this is a very reasonable request. Corporate America has been encountering lay-offs, pay cuts, freezes, bonus cuts, downsizing, attrition etc. for more than 10 years. Teachers have to understand this is not a personal affront or attack. It's about common sense and reasonability. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:31 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Comments and suggestions regarding the township school budget. First in order to prepare for meeting the balanced school budget the following needs to take place. 1. Letters of layoff notice need to be sent to all teachers and not just those proposed as part of a cutback. 2. Adherence to proposed maximum of 2.5% property tax to support the township requirements. 3. It needs to be acknowledged that as a retiree on a fixed income with no cost of living (SS) increase and why should my family be required to support those who have failed to participate in needed cost controls? 4. Do not stoop to the level of deception and false claims that are currently being stated in the media by such individuals as NJEA President Barbara Keshishian. Keep all levels of communication with-in the township and avoid the media as they will not assist/support the actions needed to balance the budget. 5. There needs to be a critical review of the all the inventory purchases (books & library supplies as an example). These should not be automatic replacements and should have school board approval for any and all expenditures. 6. The need/or requirement for pre-school should be eliminated. 7. Any non-scholastic activity that does not supply partial (external from the budget)funding such as sports be eliminated. 8. A review of non-resident students should be completed and address those identified as appropriate. 9. The use of any properties identified as being part of the school system be granted only with the school board approval along with appropriate compensation to the township. 10. Future employment should give township (tax payers) priority as a condition of employment. Those leaving the township after being employed here should be moved to the top of the list for future layoff requirements. 11. Attendance control needs to become a priority and each department head should be submitting monthly reports to reflect problem areas and actions necessary to resolve the open issues. I feel that these should be reported on a monthly basis to the Township Committee. Alexander Johanson, [REDACTED] School taxes 60.58% Help!!!! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

the teachers union must negotiate the contract we have enough of the greedy teachers i always
thought teaching was about the kids not the money--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Is there anyway to regionalize sports activities, say have one Middletown Football, Basketball etc. Also, I think teachers have to realize that if the money is not there it is not there. If they don't want to work in Middletown, Good Bye--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Having been around the block more then once i have seen this act before. The first action is alway to cut the low end worker or the teachers and programs first before management see the real problem, unchecked spending, run away administration cost on titles and positions that even 5 years ago where not even jobs. Why Not shared duties between the different schools on the admastrative end you can share janitors and subs and para's ! When i was in school there were 4,000 students in my high school . Yes I said 4,000. We had 1 principal 2 assistance principals and 2 guidance counslors that was it and we did just fine. With the current rise in Drug and Drinking by the youth in not just middletown but the entire country to cut need progams and teacher that encourage kids to stay clean instead of finding other way to save money is in my opion almost criminal and will cost our town more pain and dollars in the long run. If the choice is to have larger class sizes or lose after school activies i will take the larger class any day because for a lot of kids that is the reason that they dont drop out and the pass thier class so they can part of that after school program --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Importance: High

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Message:

Salary freeze unduly hurt those earning the least. Divide school employees by thirds relative to total annual earnings: require the top earning third to take a one year salary reduction of 5%, leave the earnings of the middle third alone, and provide the lowest third with salary increases as contractually required and/or at an aggregate amount not to exceed the salary give-backs of the top third.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
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Message:

1.have accessto all textbooks online and keep the one book in the classroom to use if needed eliminating at least half the cost of books 2.talk directly to teachers for a pay freeze or ask for a count from the union of how many teachers are for or against the freeze. 3.streamline operations costs in admin and supporting jobs four vp at the high schools is ridiculous we only had two when i went to south and it ran just fine. 4.14 football coaches for south is not needed we had six including the freshman coach at thompson its a high school not a college team 5.all buisnesses have had to cut back the schools are a buisness, you have so many dollars to spend without going broke the board of ed has to work within those dollars not always make a budget to spend more then there getting.its called reality 6.negotiate better contracts with vendors unlike schools they need the buisness to survive and pricing is very competitive right now --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:14 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a resident of Lincroft and my children attend both Lincroft elementary and Thompson middle school. They are both very good schools. I recently wrote a message to both Mr. Laugelli and Mrs. Karen Bilbao that the teachers union must put salaries on the table so as not to lose productivity in our schools. Parents are already feeling the strain of having to spend extra money for tutors or spend our only few hours each night working with our children to keep them up with the program requirements. It is very stressful and costly without the township making even more cuts to personnel. We are paying our taxes for very good services and I am paying out of pocket for a math tutor to have my son catch up where they failed in 4th and 5th grade. So be it. To make further cuts to maintain higher salaries would be disingenuous to our program. I do feel that we have to recognize that our fiscal issues have placed a financial burden upon working families, to include teachers. I work for the federal government and took a decrease in our yearly cost of living. They must become fiscally conservative if we are going to get out of the red in this state. My final appeal is that Mr Laugelli has been a tremendous asset to the overall spirit of learning in Lincroft elementary. He is on the furlough list. My appeal is that we must make a true assessment of quality versus stagnant teachers/personnel so as not to lose individuals like Mr. Laugelli who are serving our township with integrity. Thank You, Kevin Barry [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Salary freeze; no bonus--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:14 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As the parents of a 7th grade student in the district, we implore you not to cut academic or music programs. Many studies have shown that music education is important to academic development, particularly in the area of mathematics. If cuts must be made, administrative positions should be eliminated. Consideration should be given to instituting fees for extra-curricular activities including all sports and clubs with opportunities for scholarships for those in need. Ellen and James Lafargue [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:35 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have no clue how the failed budget and Gov Christie's severe cutbacks will affect Middletown's Schools. I don't get a local newspaper and have not seen anything in print online. Sadly, this governor has no respect for teachers on the front lines who need 100% support nor has any concern for NJ's many low-income seniors given he cancelled the 30 yr. Homestead Rebate and is cutting back on PADD/NJ Gold. Very sad realities for NJ. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:36 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy should be outsourced to save benefits and vacation pay. Also, it would add a layer of transparency since therapists would be more inclined to speak up if they felt that children were not given proper private space to conduct therapy. Also, if children weren't being pulled out to fulfill their mandated IEP therapists may feel more comfortable addressing it. Records should be electronic and parents should be able to access those records. This way a child's record could not be lost like it was for one child with special needs in the district.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Perhaps it's time for some real thought instead of the political grandstanding by the irresponsible township committee majority. Enough is enough and since this group can't manage the township budget, it's about time to let the professionals do it right. Mr Scharfenberger, recognize your shortcomings and realize there are laws that protect the education of our kids. You and that Governor are a disgrace!!! Each of our children are entitled to a thorough and efficient education. Put your politics aside if that is possible and stop the ridiculous rhetoric!! THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION, make no mistake about it!! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:48 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

1. Cuts at the top administration; how many supers, principals and vice principals do we really need? 2. Pay into health insurance - I have to pay 25% of my health insurance - don't think that 1.5% is too much to ask! 3. Lessen their benefits so they are affordable to the taxpayer - everyone loves benefits, but through the years, mine have been lessened, and I still keep on working and hoping things get better. 4. Get rid of tenure! We need to keep teachers that really want to teach - don't mind paying them! Honestly, my son graduated North not even knowing how to balance a checkbook - what are they preparing our kids for?? 4. Cap sick days - if you don't use them after a certain amount, you lose them - I have to. Listen to the tax payers - we are sick of supporting school administrators/teachers that could care less that they are there. Lets keep the ones that want to be here and stop giving giving giving.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:05 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I feel very strongly that the Township Committee should not pass the proposed budget. An overwhelming amount of people turned out to vote and voice their strong disapproval of this budget. We as taxpayers are tired of our taxes always going up. We cut costs for our families, especially during tough economic times and the township, government and Board of Ed all need to do the same. They need to spend less and cut out waste. Our teachers work hard and their jobs should also be saved where possible. Begin with a salary freeze and they should have to contribute to their own healthcare costs. Everyone else does. We're not asking for more than we do ourselves. FREEZE SALARIES, CONTRIBUTE TO HEALTHCARE, KEEP OUR TEACHERS AND PROGRAMS AND ABSOLUTELY DO NOT PASS THIS INCREASED BUDGET. Thank you, Michele Fitzgerald Lincroft, NJ--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:27 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Dear Mayor Scharfenberger, It was with great dismay that I witnessed the defeat of the school budget for the 2010/2011 school year. As a long time resident of Middletown, active community member, PTA parent, and mother of two school children, I see first hand that Middletown is greatly defined by our schools. I am aware that we face great challenges ahead. The current economic climate has affected us all in ways big and small. In a perfect world our teachers, men and women who I greatly respect, would just gladly accept the pay freeze that you are requesting of them. But the world is more complex. They have challenges too. I understand that although it would be easier if I didn't. I ask you when deciding on our budget to please remember our children. After the devastating cuts by the Govenor, ANY cuts by you will continue to dramatically affect my children's education. Mayor, I love my children's school. I love the small little community we live in..or at the illusion that our schools give us that we are living in small communities. Please don't take that away. Any budget cuts you make will lead to actions against our kids. They are surely the ones that have been put in the middle of all of these budget cuts. Please do not take away any additional funds from our district. Keep our community and Middletown intact. We're depending on you. Sincerely, Kelly O'Brien [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT -
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Message:

 Cut down on busing of athletes to games. Most parents would rather form car pools than lose freshmen sports. No busing should be provided in grade school and for freshmen. Play to Pay - Charge a nominal fee for all sports. \$20/kid will go along way. There are a number of ways to fundraise that do not cost parents money and can be used to supplement the budget. For example, set up all computer labs with GOOD SEARCH as you search engine, each search using GOOD SEACH is a penny earned for the school. Ask parents, grandparents and friends to do the same. The money adds up, you just have to have someone register the school. NJNG offers a fundraiset that take seconds to complete and generates \$5.00 per person who registers. "Dining to Donate" can be set up at different restaurants and the school would earn 15%, you could do by grade and figure out a restaurant that could handle potential volumes. Getrude Hawk - while not my favorite, many people love it and the profit is 50%. Yankee Candle fundraiser - same thing and everyone loves candles. Modells does a shopping night for the school, who doesnt go to Modells each season. Time it around football....between pop warner and high school, this could be big. Year Round Fundraising could be "Pennies for a Purpose." Again, parents, neighbors, grandparets van participate by saving their pennies and giving them to students for the school. Last and highly successful, CLothing Drive, extremely easy to organize, brings money in, doesnt cost you anything but a flyer. Progressive 50/50 sell tickets for \$5 all year at the end of the year the winner gets 50% of collected amount, thermometers outside the schools needed, could the kids who are good in art make these? Sell 50/50s at all school events. Great Race, Chorus concerts, BB games, Football games. If you need to contact me my number is [REDACTED] my name is Judy Jimenez. Please consider all of this before removing Mr. Cores.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:31 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

According to a comment at a recent meeting, there is a report that lists property that the school district owns that is not developed. Can the township committee suggest that the real estate be sold to plug the deficit? Or perhaps the land can be leased in order to bring in revenue until the property is utilized by the BOE. What is the BOE doing with the administrative offices on Tindall Road? Are they selling the property to generate revenue?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:13 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Does middletown north really need 8 asst principals? why not cut there instead of teachers!!!---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:07 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a Busniess and Home owner in Middletown. I feel that we need to keep our schools open and in good working order. I do not want to pay higher taxes, but at the same time I do not want my property value to go down. My Mom opened our family busniess in 1976. I love our town and when you own a busniess where you grew up it is very speical. I have not had a raise in 3 years. Times are tough for us, but lossing more jobs is not the way. This will hurt all the people in Middletown. I did vote to pass the school budget. If my clients don't have jobs they can not pay for services. We sould loss the over staffed higher payed people who can retire. Keep the new young Teachers that really want the jobs, they get payed less, and the childern win! Please help our schools get the repairs they need. Thank You, Cheryl McClelland--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:11 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

There are way too many administrators in the district. A school should have one principal, and one vice principal. Two vice principals if it is a large school. Elementary schools need only one principal. Keep teachers in the classroom. Let administrators go. Teachers are the ones doing the educating. Toni DelGiudice--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Importance: High

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Message:

Fire half the members of the board of the Sewerage Authority. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:57 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Rather than a salary freeze, let's reduce the number of Administrators. Do we really need 39 principles and asst. Principles making \$105,000 each. Do we need 7 principles at HS North. And each with theirthe--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I feel very strongly that further cuts to the teaching staff will prove to be detrimental to the programs and initiatives that have been implemented in recent years. Significant effort has been put into developing curriculums that cater to students' needs, yet in classes of 30 or more, it is near impossible. Class sizes must stay reasonable or the quality of instruction will suffer. Cutting superfluous programs (reading assessments, middle school clubs, test prep programs) and eliminating the number of administrators are cost-saving moves that don't have a significant effect on the children. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:23 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Since the District has already received a very LARGE reduction in state funds, I am asking you to seriously contemplate the negative ramifications of any additional cuts. I realize that you need to consider the results of the election, but any further cuts will be highly destructive to the District and the children of Middletown. I firmly believe that you have a responsibility to alleviate any further future erosion of operations, instruction and services within this District. I think that a strong case can be made to those who voted "No" that the negative consequences of further cuts will undermine the integrity of the Township and the educational experience of it's children. The highly effective mix of experienced and young high-energy teachers will be jeopardized. In addition, if extracurricular activities are reduced or eliminated, more kids will be on the streets, thereby posing potential problems for residents and police. This problem can't be solely tacked on teachers, it's the cumulative effect of years of budgetary and pension abuse by various administrations, political trough feeders and their appointees, along with corruption and misguided decisions. Although I have the greatest respect for police and firemen, why aren't they mentioned? It's really simple; teachers, police and firemen form the foundation for any town or city. The Governor needs to cut the rhetoric and stop his assaults on public school teachers Teachers aren't throw-aways, and the fact is MOST have done great work regardless of what "Charter School" Schundler has to say. The national test results prove it; don't blow up a good thing. Thank you for your consideration. George R. Spatz [REDACTED] Former BOE member --
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I HAVE A GRANDCHILD IN THE MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS--SO I HAVE A SELF-INTEREST IN HAVING GOOD SCHOOLS IN TOWN. NONETHELESS, THE COMMITMENTS TO THE TEACHERS FROM BOTH THE STATE AND MIDDLETOWN ARE BEYOND THE WHAT OUR ECONOMY CAN AFFORD. THIS WAS TRUE EVEN BEFORE OUR CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. IT IS VERY TROUBLING TO SEE THAT THE TEACHERS UNION SEEMS TO BE UNREASONABLE IN NOT FREEZING THEIR COMPENSATION SO THAT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL BE IMPACTED THE LEAST. MY CONCLUSION IS THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH SUBSTANTIAL COST REDUCTIONS IN THE SCHOOLS WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON ADMINISTRATION AND EXTRA CURRICULAR INCLUDING SPORTS. OUR KIDS WILL ULTIMATELY NEED TO BE COMPETITIVE ON KNOWLEDGE NOT THE SPORTS FIELD. IN ADDITION, THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD CONSIDER FORMING A CITIZENS FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER PROFESSIONALS TO HELP THE TOWNSHIP MANAGE ITS WAY THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIMES. I SUSPECT THE TEACHERS UNION WILL ORGANIZE A MASSIVE RESPONSE TO THESE EMAILS. DO NOT LET THESE MISLEAD YOU AS TO THE SUPPORT THE TAXPAYERS WILL GIVE YOU WITH STRONG LEADERSHIP IN REDUCING COSTS.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I think that the cuts should be as MINIMAL as possible since the state has already cut so much of our money. I feel that the board of education has really cut it down to the bone and that any further cuts will seriously impact our children's education.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:13 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

We need to put our children's education first. Make sure that schools have programs and appropriate number of teachers and our first and foremost priority. Then worry about other needs of the town. Easier said than done, I would like to see our schools only hire non-union employees. This would allow our schools to have the best teachers at fair salaries. (Please note, this is coming from a school teacher!) Some area's to cut in the town could be: - decrease garbage pick-up to one day a week - Stop funding to the Arts Center (make it fund itself) - close small library branches - Recreation and all other township programs have to make enough to fund the programs, along with all the employees and needs of the department. I am sure the township committee could come up with many more ideas on this same order. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:04 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Due to the Governor's deep cuts already our children can not afford to lose anymore programs or educators. If the township shaves more off the budget more teachers would be cut which would increase class size, students could lose services and programs which would be detrimental to the education and success of our children in the township. In addition to that, The Board of Education can NOT guarantee that teaching jobs would be saved if the Teacher's Union agreed on a pay freeze. So even with a freeze teachers may still be let go which again would have a negative impact on the children of Middletown Township. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:55 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

We can not cut the budget any further than the state has already cut it. I know it is tough for the burden to be placed on our local township. But, until we can come up with a long term plan, our children's education will suffer immeasurably with additional cuts. I worry that the town could be liable if we detrimentally affect our children's education. Even 1 year of missed learning can cause many years of set backs. Middletown needs to come up with a consolidation plan to reduce the number of elementary schools and reduce the overhead of administration. But, that cannot be done in 4 months time. Also, the state needs to reopen the tenure policies. Most of the bad publicity about teachers is about the highly paid and ineffective few teachers that have tenure, but lost their motivation. This is a small percentage, but they would save us the biggest bang for our buck and allow us to keep the new and very effective teachers. It is time for change. But, there needs to be a plan, not a "rug pulled out." approach. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importanca: High

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Message:

1. no overtime for salaried positions. 2. no graduation from Arts Center and Brookdale 3. coordinate MYAA, BYAA etc. with schools sports teams, or pay to play 4. use open windows instead of heating and cooling system when weather permits, does not need to be on constantly 5. turn off lights in halls and classrooms when appropriate 6. reduce administrators 7. coordinate cuttings of school grounds with parks and rec (they use our fields) 8. let teachers purchase material from Costco or from on line and be reimbursed for what they spent. Much cheaper than what we purchase through school accounts. The quality of the supplies has gone down as well as the size of what we order. 9. check out a way to cut down on busing 10. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

It would nice if the Board of Education took a hard look at some of the teachers. Just because a teacher is tenured does not mean he or she is a good teacher. There are some new, young teachers in the district, especially at Lincroft Elementary (specifically, Miss Devereaux) that have really made a difference in our children's education. The same can be said about Mr. Laugelli, the principal at Lincroft. It would be a shame to not renew their contracts because of other, less qualified tenured teachers.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I appreciate the hard work and difficult decisions that our township officials are facing but I do not appreciate the lies that are being disiminated through the press. The teacher's union responded to the mayor's pay freeze request in a timely fashion. Middletown teachers already help pay for their health coverage. We cannot work as a team if the education system is continuously vilified and libelled in the media by our elected leaders. Thank you for your consideration and time.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please do not poke the voters of Middletown in the eye with a stick by caving in to those who could care less about rising property taxes. Do not be fooled nor kowed by a campaign by teachers who will clearly get the word out to overwhelm this comments site. The teachers must get on board and take a freeze. They have gotten a double and triple inflation contract for the past twenty years. They ARE the culprits and have driven the budget through the roof. There is plenty of unnecessary or over-the-top spending that can be cut. When I graduated from MTHS with nearly 700 others, we held the ceremony at the school, not the Garden State Arts Center (twice! once for North and once for South). Ridiculous spending such as this must be cut. Our class sizes were often well over 20 and even 30. And none of the teachers had aides. Absurd! And they even had to grade tests by hand, not a computer. Make a statement. Stand firm. If you do not do so now and in this environment, you will never get another opportunity like this. John Hendrickson --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Message:

We don't need all these assistants. Let them take a pay cut. They are no different from any one else in these times. What happen to all the momey from the New Jersey State Lottery? The profits from the Lottery where to go for Education. Let the kids learn to walk to and from school. That is one thing I am sure most of the adults remember doing. I can't understand why I pay taxes and the Parents still have to buy school supplies. I know of one school that a note was sent home to the Parents saying the the kids had to bring in tennis balls for the bottom of the chairs and desks because they are doing damage to the floors. The kids don't need diffenent notes books for diffenent classes. All Teacher meetings should be after school, not during school sched. We only need one head of the Board of Education. I went to a school up North that had more schools then Middletion does and we only had one. Stop allowing admin. carry their vacation or sick time. If you don't use you loose it. They should be papying into their health care. If we have a snow day the shouldn't get paid for it. They only get paid for time worked. What appened to one teacher per class. I know has nothing to do with the budget, BUT GET RID OF THE PARENTS PICKING UP THE KIDS ON HARMONY ROAD. THAT IS A TRAFFIC HAZARD. SIGN SAYS NO STOPING OF STANDING. IF AN AMBULANCE HAD TO GET THROUGH AT THOSE TIMES IT WOULD BE VERY HARD. LET THE KIDS LEARN TO WALK. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:38 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The people of Middletown have spoken. Now, as elected officials you need to have the backbone to cut all the extras out of the school budget. No clubs, no sports below the varsity level, no field trips, no administrative directors, literacy coaches, full day kindergarten, etc. You can't run a quality school system with all the bells and whistles without the money to pay the bills. Your only option at this time is to make maintaining the quality of instruction inside the classroom your priority and cutting everything else. If the voters are unhappy with the outcome, maybe they won't be so quick to vote down the next school budget.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:31 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Lets just say, I do not think the money is spent wisely. I do not understand with as much money from our taxes going to the schools why we are given huge lists of materials we MUST supply still every year? And I honestly believe the teachers but especially the higher ups are over paid. Plus, there are some positions, I can't even understand why they exist. I don't believe in tenure and think it is a problem. Two months off, sick days, holidays, personal days, professional days, and health benefits people would kill for. Everyone is having to do more with less, yet all I see in the parking lot are BMWs, Lexus, Audis. Every teacher I know in other states HAVE to get summer jobs to make ends meet. This one, they seem to make more than most who work all year with more than half the days off. I appreciate what they do, and I am grateful to have a nice system, but I think if they had reasonable salaries, and didn't have such specific jobs and spread some of the little jobs out to other employees, then you could add teachers instead of getting rid of them. I've spoken to many parents (a lot of whom won't respond to this because they don't want their names attached), and we didn't even know a lot of these positions which don't seem necessary existed, and if we are supplying most of the materials every year, and the kids are mostly using the same books, it seems most of the money goes to salaries, salaries which during these times are a high to us. And we love our teachers.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

To the committee, I have been a township resident for almost 25 years, I can't recall a year where the Board of Education has not asked for a higher budget. The economic times warrants us all to tighten our spending. All my contributions for medical care have increased. I have a hard time feeling sorry for our educators when I compare my benefits to those that they receive especially there pensions. Extreme times calls for extreme measures. Make the cuts to stay with-in the mandates of State. Offer packages to cut staff, eliminate programs that have a minimal impact and attendance. Impose a student fee for participation in extra curricular activities. Respectfully, Steve Menson Middletown Township--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:51 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Administration should be cut commensurate with the number of teachers laid off (i.e., assistant principals and superintendents)--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a resident of Middletown, NJ, I'm befuddled at how government in NJ works. The private sector doesn't have a problem scaling up and scalling back to survive. Everyone is so critical on Wall St. companies regarding the bailouts, but take a closer look at how they've (Citi, JP Morgan, Wells Fargo, Bank of America) survived one of the worst financial disasters in history. My solutions: - Wage freezes (this is so obvious, that's its almost not worth mentioning, but this doesn't apply to NJ) - Defer non-critical services or unnecessary equipment - Reach out to the Middletown community to see if services can be performed for a cheaper rate - Cut back on staff vacation/sick days --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:31 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

1-Energy. I have never seen a bigger waste of energy the HVAC units which were installed in the elementary classrooms. Everyone is always boiling or freezing. TURN THEM ALL OFF and let people open the windows again. 2-Reduce bussing. Stop bussing these kids all over the place. Send all students back to their home schools. Reduce buses, kids can walk, or carpool their way to school. Some districts have no bussing and the kids survive just fine. 3-No more overtime pay. Custodian overtime budget is around \$800000. Aside from weather related emergencies, overtime should be limited. If the school is dirty, too bad. Teachers and students can wipe down desks and share in that responsibility. No overtime should be paid out to salaried personel. 4-Make sports pay to play. Involve MYAA or other community organizations in funding sports. Other organizations use our fields, why not combine maintenance costs? 5-Eliminate overpriced PNC graduation ceremonies that have been going on for years. Students can have staggered ceremonies in the school buildings or football fields. 6-Realign administration positions, too top heavy. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:18 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Having lost my job over a year ago. I can't afford another significant tax increase. I really think the teachers union should consider a salary freeze. And the township should divert at least some of there discretionary funds to help balance the budget. We have already lost enough good teachers and support staff in the last round of lay-off's including my cousin. By doing what I suggested that would be putting our kids first and also be setting a good example for our children. These are tuff times and with tuff times we all need to make decisions that are for the good of us all. Dave H. Port Monmouth.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 2:15 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I agree with the proposed salary freeze. As an employee in the private sector I have survived a salary freeze in 2009-2010 and I pay 50% for my health insurance coverage and 100% of my dependents. There is no need to balance the budget on the children's back. It is time for the teacher's union to pay towards the health insurance and pensions. It is what every family and worker is doing. Thank you.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please do not eliminate the school bands or any sports. These are things that may not seem that important, but they are. They also help keep the kids interested in school, off the streets and out of trouble. Pay to Play is not a good idea either. It eliminates having the best athletes and leaves it up to how much money their parents make. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:28 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

An outside firm with expertise in cost containment, working on a contingency basis, should be engaged to review all non-salary expenditures of both the BOE and the Township as though operating as one entity. As to the salary side of the equation, a thorough analysis of the necessary teacher complement should be performed, driven by the need to maximize the education provided and sacrificing, where feasible to do so, Assistant Vice Presidents and other administrative positions, regardless of the stance of the Union. In my view, it is time to break the Union if they cannot share in the pain, not by agreeing to a freeze, but by taking a pay cut to achieve a balanced approach to preserve the best teachers, minimizing damage to the education we deliver. Moreover, the best teachers should not be displaced by any permitted "bumping" that may be able to go on. It is the right time to change the way business is conducted in this state, whether BOE or Township, so throw out the rulebook and let's accomplish what is long overdue!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:20 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am happy it was voted down. I voted no. There must be less administrators not less teachers. Also, they must pay into their benefits as I have all my working years and also the plan they have to have benefits for life after 25 yrs service is ridiculous. I hope they have been watching the news re: Greece - this will be the outcome in N.J. if things don't change!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: spam : Citizen Message Sent to School Budget

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Hostname : mtrecorder1.middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:52 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a small business owner, it is difficult for me to support such an inflated budget. We as owners, as well as our employees have been on a salary freeze for 2 years. We and our employees do not have free lifetime health care benefits provided to us. It is time for the teachers and administrators to re-align themselves with the private sector, and absorb salary freezes as well as substantial contributions to their pension and healthcare cost. They are currently collecting a full time salary for a part time job. (If you look at all of the time off) In addition, I do not see a problem with raising the size of the average classroom. If parents want small, intimate classes - they can always opt for a private education for their children. The practice of tenure also needs to be visited. In no other professional job is one entitled to such blatant job security. Raises should be judged on performance, not length of service. The free ride that is currently being funded by the tax payers needs to come to an end. We, as weary taxpayers, can no longer sustain the lavish benefits and salaries for these public employees. oyees.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:43 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I don't see why they are so upset. I personally had a salary cut, have to pay more for my medical insurance and haven't had a salary increase in more than 2 years. Why should the teachers be any different. Why should my taxes go up to pay them when my finances were changed due to the economy. Everyone has to pitch in and do their part. If the teachers do their part, then the children won't suffer, you can keep the services for the children. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:07 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Salary Freeze across the board. Not just for the union people. I do believe that it is time for everyone to contribute to health and pension benefits.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:47 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

It's about time!! First of all, maybe our Superintendent should not have hired all her friends as 'Directors' in of various departments. There is no need to have these people. Everyone else should pick up some slack and do the extra. My husband has not had a raise in over 2 years, and on top of that took a 15% cut in pay, and no one is giving it back to him. So I do not feel sorry for them. The ones I do feel sorry for are the lower end employees like the support staff and maintenance. What is having them take a freeze going to contribute to such a large budget? Get real people cut from the top down and I mean the very top! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:56 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I hope that the council and the school board look to extra curricular activities rather than the educational needs of every student in Middletown.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:44 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Middletown has ridiculously high property taxes BUT, our community is known for our school system. My suggestion is to pass the budget with no further cuts. Otherwise, whatever you cut from the school district should be met by municipal cuts as well. You want the teachers to freeze there salaries? Then have the municipal workers freeze their's. If we're going to do real tax reform, let's not fool around and do it, otherwise, pass the school budget.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:44 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Fundraiser: Lots of Chruches have annual fairs! The schools have the property...Im sure between school facilty, PTA, and residents you will have all the workers you need. This of course is only a drop in a very big bucket. Maintinance: Cut the grass less offen, and things of sort. Less free: People who recieve free emenities from our township should have to give their time in return..working for the schools or other municipal sites. Which would mean less people on the payroll. Easier said then done Im sure! I gotta say this suggestion box idea (so to speak) is a good one! I wish the best for all! Good luck! Tim Lagarra Sr. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:34 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think the suggestions made by Govenor Christie and rejected by the NJEA were reasonable. No one wants to see any teacher lose their job but the current system is unsustainable. Several years ago the budget was defeated by the voters but ultimately passed by the Township Committee. I would like to see the voters wishes honored this time as this vote was a strong message about our frustration with higher taxes. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:43 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

1. Class sizes cannot become larger. 2. Children in the primary grades should have small class sizes as a foundation in education is their future. 3. Inclusion classes must have aides especially in Kindergarten and 1st grades. 4. Inclusion or classes with behavior problems must have smaller class sizes than classes without. Let's be fair to all children not just the poorly behaved or those with special needs. 5. Cut administration NOT teachers! 6. Do not take money from their proposed budget. Gov. Christie took enough money away to make up for the amt. you would have taken under normal circumstances for a failed budget. 7. Become non partisan and support the schools. Schools are not Republican or democratic, they are for the children, our future. It seems that too many town councils and school boards are at opposite sides rather than working together for the town. 8. If Middletown doesn't maintain the quality of education we have our property values will decrease. 9. I don't support a wage freeze because you cannot promise and carry through with a promise that there will be no loss of staff. Attrition is a loss of staff. Someone not replaces is a loss. 10. CHILDREN come FIRST! Remember that you are the recipient of an education, a teacher taught you to read, write and do math Whether it be public or private and you would not be where you are today in life, family, job, town council had you not received and education from a teacher. Stop the bureaucracy and support the Middletown Schools. Do not take any money from them. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:28 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Everyone is having a tough time with the weak economy....why is a salary freeze such a crazy idea?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:27 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have lived in Middletown all my life. I was happy to have excellent schools and teachers to educate my children Thanks to the great programs and the wonderful teachers my children have become very successful adults. I am saddened to think that the mayor and the township committee now look to the teachers to take a pay freeze to supplement the funds Mr. Christie has taken away. A community is measured by its schools. Our society has begun more and more to depend on the teachers and support staff to not only educate but to nurture each child. That is quite a responsibility, wouldn't you say? The message that this government(committee) is sending to the teachers is that they are not valued. The end result will be a lack of respect for the profession. Where are your priorities? Please restore the money to the budget.....the financial impact for each household is small as compared to the potential impact on every public school student in our community. Don't ask the teacher's to freeze salaries and don't cut the programs that enrich our students.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

please let look at administrative costs and legal and consultant cost. Lets try not to hurt our kids. Look at the budget responsibly. From the top not the bottom. Thanks, Susan Jones--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Home Phone: not provided
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:24 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Think that public employees' salaries and benefit payments should align with private employee standards. Share payment for benefits and pensions and get raises that match inflation. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

For our family, its quite simple, because of the re-valuation, the town put up our property tax \$2000 last year, and now you want to put it up another \$200 ? You think the Property Tax bucket is endless. Work within your means, just like we do. How far do you think I would get if I went to my boss and asked for a \$2,200 increase in pay ? I'd be out of a job and having my house foreclosed, just like everybody else.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:21 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Make sure teachers are TEACHING Classes. Are any teachers trading class time to "help" doing other things? Assisting with technology, assessment testing, training, etc. This help / work could be done by other staff, not teachers. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:00 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

- Throw out the Teachers Union!! - freeze raises for all district staff - limit each school in
administration (1 principal, maybe 1 Vice Principal) - cap on teacher salaries, force retirements -
Increase benefit pay in for medical - limit superintendent staff (no vice or assistants)--- THIS
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:15 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

First, I think the Township Committee (TC) ought to make it perfectly clear to the public what the difference is in property tax \$ to a family if the budget had passed (which already cut a huge % from last year) vs. what it will be with proposed changes from the TC (\$50/year?). Then relate that to the cost in programs in the schools: class sizes, activities, etc. Second, I think the TC ought to cut the town's budget HALF of the percentage that the district is expected to cut and donate half of THAT (i.e. 1/4) to the school district to help out. I am sure the TC realizes that schools are a major attraction to people actually coming to live in the town. I'm also sure that the town is nowhere near the austerity level that the school district is now. The only difference is we don't have the chance to vote on your budget. Do we really need Middletown Day? How much does that cost the town? How much does it cost to run the MAC? Cut back the programs and hours. Shut the Lincroft Branch of the library. Reduce the hours at the dump on Kanes Lane. The schools are more important than any of these other facilities and services. The TC was nowhere to be seen when the Teacher's Union was running rough-shod over the Board and the previous superintendents. Now that the inflated salaries and benefits that resulted are biting us in the rear, you appear to ride in on a white horse and serve the angry public. Quite hypocritical, in my opinion. Do something real: cut the township budgets to help out since you failed us in the past in this regard. Sincerely, Steve Introcaso [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

i do not want to pay for kids to go to school when i do not have children - it is unfair --- THIS
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ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I certainly understand the governor's need to play hard ball...but after working on the Middletown School Budget Committee for about 10 years it was quite devastating to see so many things disappear at the snap of a finger with the initial cuts. We have even taken away the computer teachers at the elementary level so the children will be getting no formal instruction or safely guidelines for computers and the internet. Technology was frozen in a time when we had just begun to see ourselves caught up the fast pace expected of the students today. That is just the beginning. The list is long. SAC counselors in the middle school ...ask the police department what a problem we have with kids on drugs in our town....this is a time when we might just still be able to have some input in the choices our children make. This has not been a wasteful effort yet another thing disappearing. I work throughout the district and am very thankful that my children are now leaving the school system after this year. I wish I could leave the state it is terrible that we are going to take away such wonderful successes and opportunities for our Middletown Children. Three of my children have gone through the school system, one already finished college and is successfully working and my daughter now a rising senior at another university had great opportunities in the public schools and great teachers with acceptable class sizes. Please take care to protect what is left of our budget. Thank you.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:58 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

We need fairness to those who do not have children and elderly - no increases!--- THIS
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ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:58 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

No to school budget and tax increases!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:57 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

This was the first time in over 40 years that I voted against the school budget. For many years I campaigned to get the budget passed. However, these are difficult times for all. It gets harder and harder to afford the necessities in life. With so many people out of work, and so many more about to lose their jobs we all just have to learn to do with less. It appears that the only people who do not understand that are the union leaders. I am not anti-union. I feel that without the protection of a union many people would never have been able to get a fair wage or benefits. I'm afraid that you have to do what you have to do. But please be cognisant of the fact that we must not let the quality of education suffer. The students are the most important people in this struggle. I understand that some schools receive new text books that are put in storage and never used. Perhaps you can look into that. Lincroft resident --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:57 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Salary freeze for one year. Consolidation of administrative positions.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:55 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I will never support budget until teachers give on Salaries & Benefits. Stop hiding behind the "It's for the kids" campaign. It all about keeping the senior most teachers happy. If it's about the kids you would give concessions and keep more teachers on roll.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:54 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Middletown School System needs to be revamped, it is too heavy in supervisors and aides. Perhaps an investigation should take place to find necessity of these positions. There is definitely too much waste in the system and the people of Middletown are sick of paying for the teachers who are pushed by the bully union. In closing, one of the most offensive things to me are the signs, "It for the Kids" Let's face it, its all about the teachers and their union.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: warde@verizon.net
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I voted 4 the budget & wish the union would listen to the mayor & teachers & accept 1 year pay freeze as I did not get a salary increase at my job in 2009. But we need to help our school system and not give up wonderful programs like band and chorus that enhance our childrens educational experience. There are many wonderful teachers in this town and my children have been very fortunate but we cannot start cutting the activities that kids look forward to a chance to participate in. My daughter just started MHSN marching band and the young teacher who leads it is a shining example of education in this town today. Please find more money for our schools!!!!

Submitted By:

Name: Karen

Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

taxes are out of control municipal retirement benefits need to be cut back teachers need to be cut
-- oldest first one superintendent for monmouth county no to make over 100,000 a year.--- THIS
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ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:51 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:47 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The teachers should accept the freeze--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I recommend a freeze/review on all purchases of textbooks, furniture, gym equipment, IT equipment, office equipment, etc. Take an inventory of all textbooks, supplies, etc. Are new textbooks purchased each year? If so, why aren't they being re-used for a few years? Furniture should be recycled - I bet there are many things thrown away that could easily be repaired and re-used. Unless equipment is unusable, make it work for another year. We all replace computers, printers and software well before they are no longer usable - are the latest versions of software that different from our current versions? NO. I realize that furniture and equipment depreciate according to set accounting schedules - that doesn't mean that it must be given away/thrown away if it is still usable. If every line item of proposed purchases was reviewed to determine if the district could wait one more year before purchasing new, I'll bet you could find all the money needed. We must curtail our discretionary spending. The students will not suffer from the elimination of wasteful expenditures. I am not proposing a pay decrease for school personnel at this time - unless they refuse to bear some of the burden and come up with creative ways to "make do" with what is on hand. If specific teachers/administrators are found guilty of wasteful spending (i.e., not taking this crisis seriously) then they should face reprimand and the public should know who they are. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:33 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The Township Committee should focus on completing and announcing its own budget and fixing its own inept budgetary process. Stop politicizing and grandstanding, give the BOE a number to hit, and move on to your own financially related responsibilities.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:34 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

 Coming from a New York school system, I feel the 1. Arts, music, and Spanish should be eliminated from the elementary school systems 2. Art and music should be taught by the main teacher. 3. Spanish can be taught in middle school - most students are not retaining what they are being taught and therefore it is a waste of time and money. 4. Computers, physical education and health should still be taught by their respective teachers at elementary level. 5. Band should be eliminated from elementary school or taught only in the fifth grade as an introduction for middle school (and all 3 of my children took band in fourth grade so this is not an "outside" opinion). 6. School libraries, if at all possible, should be maintained. 7. If need be - all middle school teams should be cut (if they NEED TO BE) 8. High school should have junior varsity and varsity teams only. 9. Principal and vice principals are needed at the middle school level, I am not sure what is needed at the high school level but it seems what is in place now is needed as well. 10. All Pre-school level should be eliminated. 11. Busing for special needs students UNDER 2 miles should be treated the same as any child within a 2-mile radius of the school which is NO BUSING. 12. Everyone in the towns should stop being blamed by the BOE and Superintendent for the budget not being passed. I am tired of innuendos and head-on attacks in public announcements - such as May's Superintendent's Update, "cuts to our budget since taxpayers rejected Middletown's school budget on April 20." Especially as there is no mention of how NJEA Union will not allow teachers to take a pay freeze when many government jobs across the nation have been and also are taking furloughs. I voted to pass the budget, many did not - let's move on. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:28 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

1 year salary freeze. otherwise cut upper management DON'T cut student programs!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 4:27 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

One of the areas the budget can certainly be cut is in the Curriculum expenses. The amount of money they spend each years on books is absurd particularly in light of the fact that many, many of them never get used. Teacher's for what ever reason, whether they don't want to change their lesson plans or don't like the new book, never use them. I also think our Administrative costs can be reduced. If you look at the salaries being paid to Administrators and compare them to the Governor or State & Federal Senators you have to wonder why they are being so heavily compensated. I think not only should teacher's accept the freeze but Administrator salaries should be looked at and compared to like positions - preferably in the private sector where there is reality. I'm offended by the teachers unwillingness to accept a one year freeze. Especially because of all the hardships members of our community are having to deal with. They are out of touch with reality and clearly do not value the children they are teaching. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:04 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

My husband is in jeopardy of losing his job at any given time. I feel it is selfish of the teachers not to agree to a salary freeze. I have a 10th grader and an 8th grader in the district. Sports are a very big part of our family and I do not agree with the "pay to play" idea. This opens up a can of worms as far as determining who gets to play, equal play time, etc. Not to mention any family that may have an athlete, but cannot afford to pay. Sports at the high school level can determine where a student may choose to go to college, as well as scholarships. If anything, sports programs should be cut from the middle schools. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:58 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Do not open the Port Monmouth Elementary School on State Route 36 and Main Street in the next school year. Rezone the lot to commercial then market and sell the 600+ feet of State Highway frontage between two streets, on two corners, to a commercial concern to develop within the zoning plan. Apply the cash from a real estate sale to the budget as soon as revenue may be realized. Tactfully and respectfully move students and teachers to Harmony, Bayview, Ocean Avenue, New Monmouth and other schools as viable. Sigh those who will sacrifice as our heroes, as such change is hard, do this from step one. The Port Monmouth location is not the most optimal site for an Elementary School, being so close to a major highway. The playground area borders a highway, the grass lot is limited. It is entirely possible to accommodate our town with 11 Elementary Schools rather than 12 while rendering quality and gained efficiency. Port Monmouth Elementary is a smaller older school, rendering less impact in numbers compared to closing other Elementary Schools. Still it will be seen as an impact on residents, teachers and students. The Port Monmouth Elementary School and the building itself has served the township well and the Committee needs to lead recognition of the human beings who may be impacted for their possible "willing" sacrifice to accommodate change that enables us to move forward. Al Siano, Middletown Township Community Affairs Council--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:05 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a lifelong resident of Middletown Township (56 years). I benefitted in my younger years by attending and graduating from the township schools. The teachers should be paid well and get good benefits. However, at a time when many of us are experiencing not only pay freezes at a job but also having hours cut along with paying increased amounts for health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket expenses, it isn't right for us to have to pay more in our taxes because the teachers insist on pay raises and free benefits. The Board of Ed employees need to realize this is a time for everyone across the board to accept less than what they want until economic times are better. I paid our property taxes yesterday and a huge amount of the money goes to the schools. I don't know how other states raise money for schools, but there has got to be a better way. Many employees have to contribute towards their health insurance, and it's time for the Board of Ed employees to do likewise. All of the teachers should stand together, think of each other, and accept a pay freeze for now so no one will lose a job.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:43 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

 To whom it may concern... I have NEVER before voted AGAINST a school budget! I've been voting in Middletown since 1976. This was a first! My 2 children and 3 grandchildren have or are attending the schools in Middletown. I have, overall, been satisfied with all the education they have received. BUT...since the teachers did not agree to a wage freeze this year to help the situation...and some teachers are held on due to tenure when they are very well due to "retire"...I felt I had to vote against this budget. I really feel sorry for the new teachers...and new grads that won't be able to find jobs. It could have been avoided. It's unfortunate that the teachers in whole don't support there group by taking a year's wage freeze. I was told they probably didn't vote to support this as it wasn't a silent vote (true or not...I don't know!). If so, were they intimidated by having to make it a known vote? I support Merit pay...I support a wage increase...but 4+%??? I'm still employed as an RN...we get raises according to our performance evaluation...and it's NOT 4%! 98% of the teachers are great...but 2% of them need to stop teaching. They are not good teachers...I'm sure they are great people...but they are failing our students because they can't teach...yet tenure protects them! The guidance counselors know who these people are. I was a student once as well...and I knew the great teachers vs. the good ones vs. the poor ones...and I trust the youth today know this as well! I believe the youth when they tell me...and they have spoken to the counselors about these specific teachers... Alot needs to be done to solve this issue...I hope that something positive can come out of this...for all involved. It's unfortunate that the nation/state/etc. have lived beyond their means...as individual families we have a responsibility to live within our budget...why does not the government, etc...??? Barbara A. Valentin

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:57 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think money should be restored to schools. If you need to save money, cut the fat from the Superintendents office- NOT TEACHERS!!!!!-- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:39 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

-disband the teacher union. -eliminate tenure -give all teachers and admin a raise but let them contribute to their healthcare as a larger percentage (3%-5%) and a 401K. -no more pensions - they can have a 401K like most other people -every 2 to 3 years each teacher and admin is evaluated. The evaluation should be 70% by how their students are achieving grades on standard test. 30% by class room monitoring. Similar to what NYC is working on right now, I suggest you look into it. -Pay a bonus to teachers that show growth in their students grades. -teachers who fail to meet the standard level should be fired without making it a court battle, no matter how many years they have taught. -There are plenty of new teachers coming out of college that will be willing to take jobs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

I am a state worker who has not received a salary increase in 3 years and I'm still surviving. Maybe if teachers, principals, superintendents, etc., agree to same, it might save some jobs and eliminate tax increases.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:34 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

A Salary freeze would be a good start, but that should have taken place a year ago. I voted for the budget and have since I moved to Lincroft 31 years ago. Cutting any unnecessary spending helps too! The economy will turn around Jan. 20, 2013....--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:32 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

In my, (and I believe many other's) opinion two of the most important objectives of the Board should be (1) medical benefit contribution by Twp. employees and (2) tightening of the very liberal sick leave policy now enjoyed by these employees. I realize the above is neither new nor imaginative and are that much more difficult to attain since they are union driven, however it is suggested here to underline their importance if the Twp. Committee and School Board is to regain the confidence and credibility of the Middletown taxpayer such as myself. Donald P. Bush, [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:27 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Stop all school sports programs for 2 years. That will save a boatload of money ... and all the kids will be just fine in life.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:24 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

How about cutting salaries from some of the grossly overpaid administrator positions? How about overriding the union and giving teachers a pay freeze instead of our kids suffering with larger class sizes? Please keep music education and sports!!! Even if parents have to pay for extracurricular activities, it would be better than losing them altogether. Music is especially important! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Message:

I would cut a significant number of administrators since there are too many of them and their pay is much higher than the people we need to actually teach. I would cut out the low performing teachers regardless of tenure and keep the high performing teachers.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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To: Twp Committee
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Message:

1. All Staff INCLUDING Teachers should take a pay freeze. 2. All Administrative staff should give up or reduce their stipends. 3. Stop the useless spending!!! Such as moving office locations and the huge waste of money that is spent every May to make sure each department spends their budget entirely. 4. Get rid of specials in the elementary schools such as music and art. Waste of time and money teaching a child to play a recorder. These are talents!! Not necessary for everyday life in the future. 5. Keep Computer classes instead of music. Much more important! This is our future. 6. Keep sports in Middle schools and JV for High School. This is very important for health and keeps childrens interests in good places instead of running the streets and getting into trouble. 7. Do away with such programs such as in the High School where the children go to school later in the day because they can't wake up in the morning. USELESS SPENDING!! Wake the hek up and get to school like we all did and how the rest of the world does. How will they ever function or make it in the real world. 8. Put the maintenace staff on nights when they can actually fix things when the buildings are not occupied. Leave a few for day shift. 9. Custodians should have bigger sections to actually have work the entire 8 hours, cut the staff down and pay them decently. Biblao's stipend alone is more than their pay. 10. Reading/Math Specialists should be teaching the kids just not dictating to the teacher what to do. What is a principal for?? A child has to be 2 or 3 (believing the latter) years behind in reading before the specialist actually sees the child. 11. Guidance Counselors....too much time with the troubled kids. Punish them-- take things away and it is done and over. Counselors spend too much time playing tiddly winks (literally playing games) with the troubled children. Teach them their are consequences to their actions. 12. Testing....2 months of the school year wasted getting the children ready for these tests. How about let the kids take the test and see actually if the system is working because it is not. Script is not even in the curriculum any longer. How are these kids going to sign their name to a mortgage or even their paycheck, and/or read a Dr's note. Spelling....not even part of the curriculum. Now without computers they don't even have spell check!!! Phonics...gone!!! Am a witness first hand on how a child with no foundation does in school. It is sad! 13. Get rid of the tenure system and seniority clauses. It is failing our kids and it is not fair to those who work and those that don't. We are going to loose some really good teachers because of this and the useless ones just sit back and get to keep their job. 14. Fire evey teacher and staff member and re-hire them back at a lower rate if they don't take a freeze. That will teach them to put the kids first and to help the community in the trying time.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 10:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Perhaps it's time for some real thought instead of the political grandstanding by the irresponsible township committee majority. Enough is enough and since this group can't manage the township budget, it's about time to let the professionals do it right. Mr Scharfenberger, recognize your shortcomings and realize there are laws that protect the education of our kids. You and that Governor are a disgrace!!! Each of our children are entitled to a thorough and efficient education. Put your politics aside if that is possible and stop the ridiculous rhetoric!! THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION, make no mistake about it!! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 6:21 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

 1. Salary freeze for all employees, and a re-evaluation of maximum salary for any position, regardless of number of years. 2. Additional 10% reduction in the number of Administrators. 3. Roll schools Grounds Maintenance (lawns, fields, etc) into Township DPW, at cost, reducing BOE of headcount. 4. Place all sports and Extracurricular Programs on a participant fee basis. Anyone not able to pay the fee could be subsidized by the Booster Club, or other Parent Fund Raising Groups. 5. Charge all groups/organizations a fee for utilizing the facilities after school hours. Fee to cover cost of Insurance, HVAC, Lights, Security and any Janitorial Costs. 6. Eliminate all State Mandated Courses that are not fully State Funded. 7. Eliminate non-core curriculum courses on a course by course basis, until the budget increase is zero. 8. Make 60 yrs of age, mandatory retirement age for all employees. 9. Eliminate Employee Pension and offer a matching 401k contribution up to 3% per year for all employees. No more pension contributions for existing employees or any new hires. 10. All employees must contribute 10% of their Health Benefits, and 25% of any family benefits. NO life time Health Benefits for new employees, or anyone that retires after 12/31/2010. 11. Consolidate Elementary Schools from 12 to 10 immediately. Look at building a new or expanding existing Elementary Schools to reach a target of no more than 3 total Elementary Schools. Holmdel did this already. 12. Reduce the Middle Schools to a maximum of 2, using the same process as with the Elementary Schools. Middletown residents rejected the budget, and expect it to be cut down to NO increase and preferably a reduction. This also applies to the Township's Budget as well. Services must be cut. Reduce Garbage Pickup to once a week. Eliminate all Leaf & Brush pickup. Eliminate all "free" programs of Parks & Rec, and charge a fee for all groups & organizations using fields and facilities. Include Recreational leagues in this fee structure. Shared services and purchasing power should be seriously explored. Why isn't the Township and the BOE buying electricity, for instance, as a single customer? Residents are being forced to find creative ways to save money and reduce our living expenses. We expect the Municipality and the Schools to do the same. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

As a resident of Middletown for 15 years, and a life-long resident of Monmouth Co. I am becoming more and more shocked and disgusted with how our township and our school system is being governed. I admit, I am not a politician, or public servant, however, these people that hold these jobs should realize a problem exists and it is up to them to fix it. In a town as wealthy as Middletown, there should be no reason our children's education should be in jeopardy! I have two children attending MHSS, they are in Honors classes, they are both in the band since fourth grade, my son runs track, and they both attend various clubs after school. To think that the children will be denied after school activities, and sports because the teachers union and most importantly, the board of education aren't willing to take pay freezes and some cut-backs is simply selfish on their part. All jobs across the country have been hit hard by our current economic crisis, why shouldn't the board of ed and the teachers have to make some adjustments also, why should they be "immune"? I hate the thought that the "UN-Tenured" teachers will be given their walking papers and the older ones who should be retiring are allowed to stay, that is just plain wrong. Ask any of the students, the best teachers are the younger ones, they can connect with the students better, they have new, fresh, ideas and it is a sin that these teachers will be the ones to be fired! Children today work very hard in school, they have a lot of hours of homework, and they deserve a chance to pursue activities that make them happy and that contribute to their overall well-roundedness, which colleges look for. I feel that the money is already "somewhere" in the township, and that taxes do not need to be raised, again. For the record, I voted YES for the budget, because I couldn't stand the thought of our school programs being shut down. I hope our elected officials and public servants start to make the morally right decisions, and not rely on us, the tax payers to bail everyone out, again. These people need to be held accountable to the jobs that employ them, they need to start earning their paychecks and fix these problems, after all, it is their job.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:33 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

My greatest concern is the elimination of 70 teachers. That will only mean that the classroom size will increase immensely and the likely hood of my children slipping through the cracks is great. Middletown is too top heavy. The BOE needs to consolidate or eliminate some of the administrative positions and put more teachers back at work. We need the teachers that will teach our children and make a difference. In addition, after a few disappointments with regards to incompetent teachers, I suggest that parents should have the right to evaluate their child's teacher anonymously. My belief is that teachers should be evaluated quarterly by the principal to make sure that the teachers are on track with their curriculum. I can't believe that teachers teach what they want and skip some subjects. Are they allowed to do that? It has happened in the past. Middletown has a great school system, let's keep it that way. It's time to bring it back to when the students are more important than having too many administrators getting hefty salaries. Principals need to keep teachers on track to make sure they are doing their jobs. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 1:32 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

5/20/2010 - While I wish you had cut the budget more, it was a good start. Keep up the good work. We need to address the bloated salaries of the board and administration.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 7:46 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have a couple of suggestions for the township committee. To reduce the school budget, cuts should be made in the following areas. Reduce six vice principals at h.s. north to three. Reduce district directors to two, and directors to two. Also, reduce district supervisors to one. Problem lies in the size of the administration, not teachers and aides. I am a lifelong resident of Middletown and I thank you for listening to my ideas. John Kologi--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:09 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

1) Have all teachers take the 1 year salary freeze 2) Have everyone kick in 2% of their salary towards health benefits 3) I saw there were some administrative positions being cut but the amount was nominal. I'm sure there's a lot more fat out there. I believe the high schools alone had 11 Vice Principals. 4) Consolidate services. I'm not that intimate with the inner workings of the school system but I'm sure they can do a better job at consolidation. If the first 3 points above were put into place there's no reason why any teachers should be fired. I personally don't want to see any teachers laid off --- there's just no reason for it. The teachers union should be ashamed of themselves -- they're hanging their own members out to dry. I now pay \$6300 a year in taxes -- double what I was paying 2 years ago. I just can't afford it anymore. Keep up the pressure --- you guys are doing a great job. I heard Jerry's letter read on 101.5 --- that should raise a few eyebrows. If all else fails, do what you can to fire them all. Hire back non-unionized teachers who were laid off from other school districts. Offer tax credits to homeowners who would like to send their kids to private school -- that should help stir up some competition and get the union's attention. Rob Chassey [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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To: Twp Committee
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Importance: High

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Message:

Thank you for the forum. I think it is time for the town and the teachers to stand together. Now, the Governor and the Mayor are taking cheap shots at the teachers instead of sitting down and trying to work out problems. When you have a contract both sides should live up to it, both have agreed and signed their names to it. Why is no one looking at the additional administrators added on over the years? Why does the Governor increase his staff and their salaries? We (the township) have made a contract with the teachers. Live up to it!! Kevin Brown [REDACTED]
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Message:

 I have been following the ongoing school talks between the NJEA and Governor Christie. My wife and I are 100% behind the Governor and here's why. New Jersey presently has an \$11 billion deficit. You can't raise the sales tax to 10% and double the property taxes to close the gap because so many will flee New Jersey to go elsewhere. So to close this gap every New Jersey resident has to sacrifice. I travel to New York every day to work and because the Governor cut the subsidy to New Jersey Transit all New Jersey Transit train and bus fares rose 25% beginning May 1. My monthly train pass rose to \$291 from \$233, a \$58 dollar increase. I'm not happy but I understand the Governor did not have the money in his budget to give the subsidy New Jersey Transit needed. So I sacrificed \$58.00 a month, or \$696 a year. I think teachers, as well as all government employees (municipal workers, police, firemen) should accept a one year pay freeze and pay 5% of their health care costs, not 1.5% that the Governor wants. Very few of my friends have pensions and the ones that do get a very minimal amount. My cousin is a principal in Manahawkin, New Jersey, and he told me his pension will pay him 75% of his last year salary. Add in 403, 457 contributions and Social Security, and my cousin will retire with more money on an annual basis than his last year salary. That's unfair and I told him that. My pension and social security will replace only 35% of my last year's salary. I will need over \$1.5 million in a 401K plan, along with a pension and social security, to replace 75% of my last year pay. How am I going to save that amount of money when my present bills are sky-high. When I retire I will have to move out of New Jersey or rent an apartment because I will not be able to pay my property taxes and pay for health care on a fixed income. So while the state suffers my cousin and his teachers union want 4% raises and they don't want to contribute a dime to their health care plan. This is one of the reasons why we're in this mess! Greed, Greed Greed. Everyone wants health care, but they want other people to pay for it instead of contributing to it like everyone else. You want to save teacher jobs. Accept the Governor's proposal on pay and use some of the teachers union dues to pay for health care. I don't know of any industry where a worker pays more in union dues than to their health care. It's time for everyone to sacrifice. Will the teachers accept the sacrifice that myself and so many fellow train and bus riders had to accept this May? My property taxes are up 50% in seven years and I live in a part of Middletown (Twin Brooks) where my property taxes don't even include garbage pickup. I have to pay for garbage pickup on my own. I won't even talk about how myself and so many neighbors got shafted with the new assessment of our homes. That's a discussion for another day. I love this state but hate all the shenanigans from Trenton. If taxes and costs continue to rise whose gonna be able to afford New Jersey in the future? A very disgruntled Middletown homeowner, JF --- THIS

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Message:

Although it might be hard to digest, I don't feel there should be any cuts to our Children's Education. We have some really wonderful teachers, students and parents in our community and it is my hope that we all desire the same thing – Excellence for our Children. Therefore, I feel strongly that a financial freeze on Teachers Salary's might be the only way to make this work. In the past, the residence of the community approved budgetary increases (to the benefit of our Teachers financial situation) because we could do it! Now, we cannot and the majority has voted against a budget including wage increases etc. The community would like to see our Teachers do what we are all doing; we are working more for less, we are making things possible with a reduced amount of resources and although we are struggling we remain optimistic about the future. In good times, the community can (and will) rally again for our Teachers. In these times, everyone must share the burden. A salary freeze is a start but it may not be all that is needed. Teachers may have to sacrifice more. I regret this fact but it still remains true. Furthermore, I am wondering about the possibility of private donations to our schools as a resource to gain capital. In any private school system you will notice that there are contributors who offer sizable (tax deductible) donations. In our vast community, we have many families suffering while some still thrive. Can we find people, and ways, to supplement our budget? Have these issues been discussed? I would like nothing more than to have our Teachers happy! However, at this time, Salary Freezes, Contributions to Pensions, Health Care Benefit contributions etc. etc. have to be looked at closely. Lastly, if Salary Freezes (and the above mentioned ideas) do not solve our problems, we need to open up this conversation to the community for a solution. What is the point of going through this process and upsetting our dedicated Teachers if we are back at the same point in the near future? Thank you for your time – Joseph AmecAngelo Resident of Middletown --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

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Address: [no address provided/found]

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Mobile Phone: not provided

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:37 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Shame on these teachers! Demanding a raise in this economic climate, they are lucky to have jobs, especially ones with generous benefits, tenure and only 9 months out of the year work yet a salary commensurate with 12 months. I worked on Wall St. for 25 years, some good, some bad, you took what you got and adjusted to the situation, this sense of entitlement is sickening. We should fire them all, disband the union and start over, make them earn their jobs back like you have to do in the REAL world. I'm including all my information below if any teacher or union representative would like to justify this disgrace. Richard A. Hilfiker [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] office [REDACTED] cell E-mail
[REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED
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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am totally opposed to teachers and paras losing their jobs, so I agree with the mayor regarding that teachers take a pay freeze. It will save \$3 million and is 30% of the \$10 million. During these tough economic times, people are losing their jobs(I've been unemployed for 1 1/2 years), not getting raises and in fact taking pay cuts. Even though I totally respect the teachers, they have to understand what's going on all around us and a 4% wage increase just doesn't make any sense. Having a finance degree and many other friends of mine also without jobs and a degree, I wish the mayor would allow us to look at all the expenses and I'm confident that we will find many ways to close that budget gap. There is a lot of money being wasted, not only here, but all over New Jersey and I'm sick of it!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:17 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Please support the voters who have finally said enough is enough; we are no longer taken in by the union's "It's for the children" rhetoric. We need to consolidate functions and eliminate extraneous and overpaid administrators. We need to have merit-based pay for teachers and eliminate tenure. And yes, school personnel should not expect raises double the norm in the private sector, and should have to contribute to their health care. Perhaps the current fiscal crisis will encourage us to reconsider and move toward a fairer and more efficient educational system. Here are some interesting statistics (from <http://thehill.com/opinion/columnists/ab-stoddard/97603-nj-gov-sets-tone-for-us>): ...Teachers unions are incensed, fighting Christie's proposal that — in order to avoid cuts to education — teachers accept a one-year wage freeze and contribute 1.5 percent to the generous-by-every-standard healthcare plans they now enjoy for free. New Jersey, which has the highest unemployment in the region and highest taxes in the country, lost 121,000 jobs in the private sector in 2009 while adding 11,300 new education jobs. During the last eight years, K-12 enrollment rose just 3 percent while education jobs increased more than 16 percent. According to the Newark Star-Ledger, during the recession that has cost many residents their homes and jobs and scaled back hours and pay for the employed, teachers' salaries rose by nearly 5 percent, double the rate of inflation. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity for input.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:47 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Middletown is top heavy with administrators. How many Asst. Superintendents do we need? How many years did we pay two Superintendent's salaries? The BOE needs to come up with more creative ways to save money without laying off teachers. It's time to eliminate courtesy busing and perhaps privatize some services.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 4:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am retired, living in Middletown since 1977. In the current economic conditions I have had my company pension reduced by almost 100.00 a month. I have lost my dental and vision insurance. My contribution to health insurance has been increased by 35%. My prescription drug payment has increased 150%. The position of the public employees in these times, while those of us who worked in the private sector our whole lives are being crucified makes me sick!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 4:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 1:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

As a NYC commuter, my fare to NY has gone up 25%, my health care plan for my spouse and myself? this year my share will be \$758 per month (my share!) beginning June 1st. My choice to commute lies in the huge difference in salary I make in NY vs. NJ. A typical teacher's salary after 30-40 years of service (like I have under my belt) equals or surpasses mine; their benefits surpass mine, and all they have to do is get up and go around the corner to work, rather than spend 1-1/2 to 2 hours each way on a commute. They have the advantage of a 10 month work year - they can work another job in the summer to make even more money. I say it's time for them to share the burden and don't threaten us that our children will suffer. Pull up your socks and join the masses - we've been paying for years! I haven't had a salary increase in 3 years..my taxes went up, my col went up, my utilities went up, my food costs went up - no complaints from teachers will make me feel any compassion for them. Time to pay the piper. They've had it soft long enough. Opt for a pay freeze for at least 1 year, opt for at least 2% share payment on health care, opt to keep our schools running smoothly and contribute to saving NJ from going completely bankrupt. You heard us loud and clear at elections.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please abide by voters wishes. I can not afford higher taxes. Teachers live in a fantasy world that the rest of us do not have the luxury to live in. Their refusal to even vote on a freeze shows their unwillingness to be good citizens. Send a message now and hold them to real world standards next year at contract negotiation time. Although I understand that our school District is a victim to the Union issues to some extent, it is time they make the hard calls and consider consolidation and possible redistricting of schools. Continuing to try to maintain 17 buildings is a losing battle. I know the District is hurting from the State aid cuts but for years our tax hikes have been mismanaged and it is time for the District to look out for the taxpayers best interests. Hundreds of thousands for new administration headquarters when my school's blacktop has six inch cracks and is a disaster waiting to happen is a disgrace(repairs of which are less than \$20,000 and have been requested for years). Years with my kid with 27 in a class while other schools had 15. What are they thinking? It's about priorities. Shame on them. Please dont make us pay more for their neglect. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:46 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The district can potentially save thousands by not having the H.S. graduation at the PNC Arts Center in the future. Would it be cheaper to have graduation at the schools on the fields (rain or shine like colleges do. There needs to be more transparency in the BOE. It is too hard to get real answers to simple questions. This was addressed at the community forum months ago.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 11:46 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: spam : Citizen Message Sent to School Budget

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 11:06 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Perhaps this is how to do it ... Lakewood school budget cut by \$7.63 million The tax levy will be slashed by \$7.63 million, bringing an initial 11-percent tax rate increase to zero. Freehold Regional budget facing \$4.5 million cut The \$4.5 million the Township Committee recommended be cut from the Freehold Regional High School District 2010-11 tax levy represents what the district would have saved if all eight of its unions agreed to a wage freeze, according to Township Committeeman David Salkin. All eight towns have agreed to the \$4.5 million number, Salkin said. More than half that amount — \$2.65 million — came from cuts recommended by Schools Superintendent H. James Wasser. The rest were suggested by the Township Committee, according to the resolution approved Tuesday. The accounts in which the committee believes spending reductions should be made include instruction, school-sponsored athletics, co- and extracurricular activities and educational media services. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 5:09 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: spam : Citizen Message Sent to School Budget

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 8:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Honorable Township Committee Members: I believe that the Middletown BOE has been prudent and made sufficient cuts to the 2010-2011 budget. No further cuts need be made. In fact, I wish that we were not going to lose so many devoted and exceptional teachers. I promise you, if you make any drastic cuts that would force the BOE to close any of the elementary schools, you won't be able to keep calling Middletown "the Biggest Small Town in New Jersey". It's those 11 public elementary schools that give us that feeling of small communities bonded together into one big town. You'll just have a big and very unhappy community if you upset the families in this town by hindering the education and SAFETY of some of our youngest residents. Kids really are important, and if Middletown loses its appeal to families, then it loses its heart. Sincerely, Barbara D. Cassin--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:56 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think the you should look to consolidate the elementary schools, schools that do not have a high attendance to be consolidated with other schools. Thank you Cindy Jones, Lincroft, NJ--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:43 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The wage freeze or commensurate staff reductions must be implemented. Substantial reductions in administrative staff are probably in order. For the future, school grounds seem to be too large, and must be very expensive to own and maintain. High schools should probably share the same athletic stadium facilities. Busing represents such a gigantic expense that it must be constantly monitored and fine tuned.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:41 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Don't freeze salaries, cut them. Ask teacher and administrators to work full days and calendars like the rest of us who support them. The spending is going to destroy Middletown.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:56 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

It is a shame that the budget did not pass in a year that the governor has made such drastic cuts to the school budgets. I am aware that cuts need to be made. I would recommend that these cuts focus moreso on the administrative positions, rather than the teaching positions. The amount of students in a class has a tremendous impact on the quality of a student's education - as a former teacher, I can attest to this personally. I would implore the Town Council to consider this as they make their cuts and try to maintain as small a class size as possible for all students, especially those at the elementary level where this is extremely important. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:19 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please do not compromise the education of our children when you contemplate cuts. Don't you think the 9+million dollar cut is enough? I would like you to ask the BOE how much money it will cost the district to remain open on Election Day. Surely they will have to have security in each school to ensure the safety of our children. Every penny counts!!!! If you had to cut sports, it would make sense to cut 8th grade sports since children that age can still participate in rec league sports. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:17 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Consider reducing interscholastic sports or have parents of athletes pay some or all of the cost of the programs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:18 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

FOR EVERY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (SALARY IN EXCESS OF \$100k)
ELIMINATED, TWO TEACHING POSITIONS ARE SAVED. CUT 10 ADMINS SAVE 20
TEACHERS, THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN TOP HEAVY FOR MUCH TOO LONG. IT IS
ABOUT TIME IT GOES ON A DIET.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A
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schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:39 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The Mayor's suggestion to freeze school employees' salaries for a year to partially make up for the defeated budget is not only unfair, but inequitable. The Mayor and Governor have opened up the proverbial can of worms that turns tax payers against teachers. If it were possible to evaluate who voted "no" and who voted "yes" I would think that with seven private schools within the Middletown/Red Bank sending area (St. Leo's, Oak Hill Academy, St. James, St. Mary's, RBC, CBA, and Matre Dei) a good number of "no's" could be accounted for, not to mention a good number of senior citizens and families who no longer have children in our schools. Our country is in trouble if our government touts a high value on education, but used it more as a political ploy. Yes, I am a Middletown teacher and if anything need be cut in my opinion, it should be some of the sports programs. Our township does a good job in this area, and the children have numerous opportunities to participate. As a tax payer, I would understand cuts in the sports program, not in "education." --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:09 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Agree with the Mayor's recommended salary freeze for at least one year. Also suggest elimination of several administration positions. I think we have too many in that category. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:10 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Time for everyone to cut. My income has decreased 20% due to recession. Make a contingency plan for the budget for times of recession, included in all future contracts. You just cannot expect MORE every year.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Home Phone: not provided
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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 7:02 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Try to cut or eliminate school busing. The cost of this item in the budget is very costly. Let the parents carpool and take their children to and from school. If they disagree, let each parent with children in school pay a transportation surcharge. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudgct@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 6:44 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Everyone is taking cuts now with this economy. So the schools have to also, they are over due.. My husband just lost his job I will never vote yes for anything that raises our already to high taxes. We all have to make cuts in our lives.. Pat Ferrante--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 8:27 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please do not cut teacher positions or academic programs. This will harm the students' education. Any accomplishments we have achieved as a school district will suffer. Instead please consider these suggestions. Have high school graduation in the resective high schools on the football field or indoors with limited seating. This will save the expense of renting the Arts Center and busing the students there. Have the middle school graduations in one of the high school auditoriums. Again this will save the cost of renting a college auditorium. In the elementary schools the science kits could be cut back to one or two to share between grade levels, again cutting costs. Streamline busing costs by combining routes and filling the buses. Please take these into consideration to help save our children's education. Thank you. Ellen Balestriere

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
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Message:

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 10:38 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please send a copy of your most recent budget, so I can go over it and make informed suggestions. Send to: [REDACTED] Thank you, Carmine D Taffuri--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: spam : Citizen Message Sent to School Budget

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please abide by voters wishes. I can not afford higher taxes. Teachers live in a fantasy world that the rest of us do not have the luxury to live in. Their refusal to even vote on a freeze shows their unwillingness to be good citizens. Send a message now and hold them to real world standards next year at contract negotiation time. Although I understand that our school District is a victim to the Union issues to some extent, it is time they make the hard calls and consider consolidation and possible redistricting of schools. Continuing to try to maintain 17 buildings is a losing battle. I know the District is hurting from the State aid cuts but for years our tax hikes have been mismanaged and it is time for the District to look out for the taxpayers best interests. Hundreds of thousands for new admnistration headquarters when my school's blacktop has six inch cracks and is a disaster waiting to happen is a disgrace(repairs of which are less than \$20,000 and have been requested for years). Years with my kid with 27 in a class while other schools had 15. What are they thinking? It's about priorities. Shame on them. Please dont make us pay more for their neglect. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 6:23 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The unwillingness of the middletown teachers union leadership to prevent its' members from actually voting on a pay freeze is unbelievable. As a long time resident of Middletown, I have seen my RE taxes recently increased by 30% in the last year. My family can barely afford to live here anymore. Everybody is making sacrifices, but the teachers. As a small business owner, I pay over \$16,000 per yr for health insurance for my family, while teachers pay nothing. It's time to make meaningful cuts to the school budget. If my family can live on 20% less, the school budget can be cut significantly.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

I am retired, living in Middletown since 1977. In the current economic conditions I have had my company pension reduced by almost 100.00 a month. I have lost my dental and vision insurance. My contribution to health insurance has been increased by 35%. My prescription drug payment has increased 150%. The position of the public employees in these times, while those of us who worked in the private sector our whole lives are being crucified makes me sick!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
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Message:

Maintain the music programs and gifted & talented. Consolidate administration. Publicize other suggestions from the public so the community show their support.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Email: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 12:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Hello! 1 voted for the budget!!! No salary freezes. That is an insult (and maybe illegal) to a contract that was negotiated in good faith. Send the governor a message telling him to stop acting like a baby and give the towns the money they need. Jon Eremus--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 12:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Vice Principals positions should be eliminated during this budget crunch.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Importance: High

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Message:

As a NYC commuter, my fare to NY has gone up 25%, my health care plan for my spouse and myself? this year my share will be \$758 per month (my share!) beginning June 1st. My choice to commute lies in the huge difference in salary I make in NY vs. NJ. A typical teacher's salary after 30-40 years of service (like I have under my belt) equals or surpasses mine; their benefits surpass mine, and all they have to do is get up and go around the corner to work, rather than spend 1-1/2 to 2 hours each way on a commute. They have the advantage of a 10 month work year - they can work another job in the summer to make even more money. I say it's time for them to share the burden and don't threaten us that our children will suffer. Pull up your socks and join the masses - we've been paying for years! I haven't had a salary increase in 3 years..my taxes went up, my col went up, my utilities went up, my food costs went up - no complaints from teachers will make me feel any compassion for them. Time to pay the piper. They've had it soft long enough. Opt for a pay freeze for at least 1 year, opt for at least 2% share payment on health care, opt to keep our schools running smoothly and contribute to saving NJ from going completely bankrupt. You heard us loud and clear at elections.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

The district can potentially save thousands by not having the H.S. graduation at the PNC Arts Center in the future. Would it be cheaper to have graduation at the schools on the fields (rain or shine like colleges do. There needs to be more transparency in the BOE. It is too hard to get real answers to simple questions. This was addressed at the community forum months ago.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

Perhaps this is how to do it ... Lakewood school budget cut by \$7.63 million The tax levy will be slashed by \$7.63 million, bringing an initial 11-percent tax rate increase to zero. Freehold Regional budget facing \$4.5 million cut The \$4.5 million the Township Committee recommended be cut from the Freehold Regional High School District 2010-11 tax levy represents what the district would have saved if all eight of its unions agreed to a wage freeze, according to Township Committeeman David Salkin. All eight towns have agreed to the \$4.5 million number, Salkin said. More than half that amount — \$2.65 million — came from cuts recommended by Schools Superintendent H. James Wasser. The rest were suggested by the Township Committee, according to the resolution approved Tuesday. The accounts in which the committee believes spending reductions should be made include instruction, school-sponsored athletics, co- and extracurricular activities and educational media services. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

 Dear Committee Members, I have already contacted you regarding the school budget, but will share some more thoughts. First, we're looking at a budget of which 80% of the expenditures are allocated to salaries & benefits, so I believe these two lines would be the best place to start. (In what private company do you witness such a structure? How poor is it that only 20% is appropriated to the customers, our children?!) I have read an online version of the poorly edited letter from the President of the MTEA. Since it appears that she wishes to perpetuate ill will toward the teachers, and refuses to allow negotiations for a temporary salary freeze to occur, I suppose that she would prefer that the Union simply sacrifice their own, and allow non-tenured teachers/administrators to be released. So, my suggestion would be to eliminate more admins - particularly at the High School level. Perhaps six Elementary School Principals can manage two schools each. Charge a usage fee for sports, after school activities, music, band, etc. Maybe we need to redistrict and close an Elementary School. It's very disappointing that the MTEA is doing such a disservice to the teachers they represent, and to the public who voted for a halt in wage increases. I don't see the job market improving (my husband has been looking for a year, and I've feel fortunate to have found temp. work after several months of searching - we both have MBAs). I know of several neighbors in Lincroft who just lost jobs as of 3/31/10 - I still can't believe that the teachers would willingly send their coworkers out on the streets in this environment to protect their raises. Again, I believe that this is the will of the greedy union leaders, not a reflection on the teachers. Regards, Trish Thomson Lincroft, NJ --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:42 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Get real teachers. There should be no more free ride for a great health care package and guaranteed raises. Most NJ voters pay money for their health insurance these days, have no pensions and no guarantee of a pay raise these days. The union is too strong. Pay some money towards your own health insurance and save some jobs and programs.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 5:08 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Members of the Township Committee: I am a parent of a child attending school in the District. I understand that there is still some friction between the Teacher's and the Board going back to the strike. For this and other reasons, I did not expect Board public employees to voluntarily agree to a one year wage freeze. But, given the state of New Jersey's economy, the deficits in state and local government budgets, I agree with Governor Christie for suggesting that a one year wage freeze is a reasonable concession. Those of us working in private industry have seen our household incomes frozen for several years. It is unreasonable to keep asking homeowners to pay more. I also believe that the vast majority of public employees are good hard working and often dedicated individuals. While that is true, it is reasonable to ask that public employees accept a one year wage freeze. Others towns have done this. By doing so, the public employees will be assisting their co-workers with the lowest seniority by helping them avoid lay-offs. I believe that the voters sent the message loud and clear. Please cut the budget by the exact amount of a wage freeze of all Board personnel from the superintendent's position down to the entry level employee. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 4:57 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

1) Consolidate superintendent/administrative/etc positions for smaller districts. 2)Continue to impress upon the Union for at 1 yr. salary freeze to keep as many non-tenured teachers on staff. They have the most potential for innovation, enthusiasm, and motivation. I understand teachers in general are willing to do this but the Union is not opening this for discussion. This is very frustrating, nce our kids will be the most affected in teh long run. I just don't get it. 3) Encourage early retirement to those teachers that qualify in order to either eliminate positions or keep less tenured teachers on roll. Possibly offer an incentive over the first couple of years, but I don't have ideas on what this could be..... 4) Cannot elimiate band/chorus programs in middle schools. Perhaps at elementary level, offer afterschool as a student-paid program once a week, and hold it in 1 or 2 schools during the weeeek depending on number of kids interested. Rotate schools to be fair. 5) Team sports - have families subsidize some or all of the costs. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 4:56 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 4:36 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I sent some initial feedback to you earlier this week, but want to add additional points for your review. As I'm sure you're aware, Middletown's K12 district spends below the state per pupil average for similar districts, and has done so for many years, yet the state penalized them BIG TIME. So much for being fiscally prudent. In terms of special needs children, as a percentage of the total student population, Middletown exceeds the state average by about 3 points. Since the state mandates various programs for classified children, it seems unlikely that you'll consider any cuts in that area, and rightly so, but you need to consider how further cuts would affect the larger non-classified student base. Do you really want to shortchange their educational experience any further? I think that Middletown has done a fine job educating a large and diverse student population for many years, but some people don't want to hear it unless it benefits them directly. They probably don't mind that we're losing young teachers who will most likely migrate to other careers, that class sizes will swell, that experienced teachers are leaving and that the education process is being moved to the "back burner" for the foreseeable future. I can't see anything more important to this nation than it's schools and it's security. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 4:05 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I agree with Mayor Scharfenberger's proposal for a 1 year salary freeze.--- THIS MESSAGE
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 3:04 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I'm not related to any teachers, and our only child graduated from South several years ago, so you might think I'd argue for more cuts. But I won't. I reviewed the proposed budget carefully and found it to be pretty brutal. Most of the state budget cuts went directly to a reduction in expenditures and especially staffing. I read the rejection of the budget as more a vote against the local uncooperative union than a rejection of the budget per se. If it were possible to hurt the union without hurting students and teachers, then I'd cheer for more cuts. But the reality is that we're cutting real programs and increasing class sizes as it is. The rejected budget was bad enough. Please don't make it worse. It's popular in other districts to make cuts from "soft" subjects like music. I hope you won't do this. My daughter benefited enormously from the great music programs at Thompson and South, and every time the budget was cut in the past, music seems to be one of the first programs to take a hit. There isn't much left- please don't cut it further. Bill Anderson [REDACTED] THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 2:47 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

While my children grew up in Middletown, we never used the public schools. As a taxpayer though, I am distressed to see the irresponsibility of the Teachers Union. The Mayor's proposal to freeze salaries for one year seems such a sane approach - everyone shares in the sacrifice. But the Teacher's Union vetoes that proposal. Until there is some change in the law concerning how personnel reductions are determined, we will see older more senior employees continue to vote in a manner that leads to the firing of younger employees, rather than the more senior employees agreeing to make minor sacrifices, which will preserve jobs. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 2:18 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

To Whom It May Concern, I feel strongly that the school budget should MOST DEFINITELY be passed. Our children will suffer if this budget is not passed and I strongly encourage the township committee to approve the school budget for the 2010/2011 school year. Sincerely, Kerry Michaelson [REDACTED] THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 1:03 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Install Solar generating systems on public buildings as a long-term plan for reducing operational costs of electricity as well as revenue generation through SRECs. (potential savings of \$2MM - \$4MM within school budget PER ANNUM alone. Can also look to save money on Municipal budget by negotiating contract for municipality in total) Further reduce/consolidate Superintendant office roles. Further reduce/consolidate Secretary/Clerk roles. Review current busing utilization and routes. Optimize bus loads to ensure buses are at full capacity. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 12:46 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Why not ask for citizen comments on the Middletown Township budget - that is, if there was one. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 2:35 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Dear Township Committe, I am a resident of Middletown as well as a teacher there. My son will be entering Kindergarten next year and I am thrilled and very concerned at the same time. One of the main reasons we chose to live in Middletown was because of our school system. I am very proud of the curriculum and all of the training I have had. I have been teaching first grade for the last 13 years and I have never seen so much success as I have seen in the last 3 years. Please take this into consideration. I would like my son to experience all the wonderful things our curriculum has to offer along with resonable class sizes. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 12:33 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Contrary to what most are saying and writing, I do not think the defeat of our school budget was a disaster. In fact, I think it is an opportunity. If done properly it is an opportunity that could unite our community, and bring back PRIDE to Middletown. We need to stop the political rhetoric. Teachers are not the problem, they are the solution...so that our students, schools and community do not suffer any more, but remain a strong and vibrant fabric of our great town. If we can do this, and I think we can, then it will be a win-win for everyone. We need to think outside the box, and I propose we begin this process by cutting ALL sports and non-sports related activities, as well as coaches/moderators stipends. In it's place we implement a Pay for Play Program. Emphasis on Program. Colleges have a Work Study Program, I suggest a Work Play Program. As a Community we combine the resources and talents of our Town Council, Board of Education, Parent Teacher Associations, Business Community, Civic Groups, and the supporters of the Buy Middletown program, and run a series of Fund Raisers to fund the Work Play Program. The money raised will go back to reimburse those student athletes, coaches, moderators that worked at the fund raisers. The events we can run are endless. Golf tournaments, Mayor's Cup (sorry no photo on the trophy), Casino Night, Poker Night, Comedy Night, Super 50-50...etc. to name a few. Savings to the Budget, Thousands. Potential revenue to reimburse those that play/work.... Thousands. I can dust off a Marketing Plan that I have used before for this type of program, and share it with you before Monday. There are many details, but none that the talent and commitment from the above mentioned groups cannot resolve. Can it work? Yes! Has it worked before, Yes. Will it work for Middletown, Yes. But, it requires team work and not politics. I am available for comments, suggestions and questions. My cell number is [REDACTED] Tony Avallone --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 12:22 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Dear Township Committee, First, I have to say that the budget should have passed. If you look at the numbers, no enough people came out to vote. That being said, I do not know what can really be cut. After a 9 million dollar cut in state aid there have already been too many cuts that will impede our students educational advancements and needs. Research shows that education is interfered with in classes that are larger than 23 students. The teacher cannot do his/her job effectively. In addition, other studies should that without music and art programs, school violence goes up by up tp 20%. I am sure there is also equal research to show that with all after school programs in general. So you shouldn't cut extra curriculum, or any more staffing. We also need most of the principals left to maintain order in the school. Could there be cuts in the administrative offices? Maybe, but not in special education. We have a huge population of special needs students that are not getting appropriate services now. My youngest is classified and I was just asked to change his IEP because the district cannot afford to give him the extended year program. I am not changing the IEP. However, I feel bad for the district because these programs cost money. Good education cost money. We need to understand this. I have been very happy with the education my children have received up to this point. The changes that are currently going to go through because of the state cuts, will weaken this educational system already. So far we will have no new technologies in the elementary schools even through half of the schools don't have a computer room. They are already eliminating all computer teachers in the elementary schools. How will they be ready for the middle school computer literacy that they must achieve? Also, there will now be no Librarians in the Middle Schools. This is based on before the budget did not pass. How will the students really learn to research and use a real Library? They could use the Middletown public library, however, the state is cutting that service by 70% When will it be open? Last night I attended Bayshore's Play, "Olivier Twisted". This was a comedy based on Olivier Twist. It was great. All the students worked together as a team and had fun. In addition, they learned about Olivier Twist. Students were envolved with all aspects of the production. They were proud, and confident about show. They had all worked after school for almost 5 months on this. The play had a low budget and I do not think it cost much, but will likely be eliminated for next year. Why lose that source of learning to work together and connecting to the classics. Also, it kept the students busy and productive. As a Township Committee you have a tough job but an opportunity to send a message that we will not throw the baby out with the bath water. Do not make any other cuts that will cause an additional rise in class size or cut any extra curriculum programs for the students. They did not cause this financial situation. They should not have to pay for it with their futures. If you want any other

information, I would be happy to help. Sincerely, Melissa Moore Reimertz Fairview and Bayshore and New Monmouth Parent --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 12:32 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I just wanted to express how distraught I am regarding the possibility that Mr. Laugelli and Mr. Garofolo may not be returning to Lincroft Elementary School. We moved to Middletown from NYC three years ago because of the exceptional schools. I believe Lincroft has become a great school because of the quality of the teachers and administrators. My son is in kindergarten and his experience has been wonderful and I believe it is because he has an amazing teacher, who unfortunately my not be rehired. His teacher, Mr. Garofolo has made my son's transition to the public school a great experience. As far as teachers are concerned they don't come any better. Letting Mr. Laugelli or Mr. Garofolo go would be a great loss to Lincroft Elementary School. I Wish I had an answer regarding cuts to be made, but cutting quality people doesn't seem to be the answer. Sincerely Dina Quintano --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:34 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I did not vote for the budget. My reasoning is as follows: I feel that since everyone else has to tighten their budgets the school board also must do their part to help save money in a tight economy. I also feel that these teachers and administrators need to pick up their part of medical benefits. Everyone in private sector pays their benefits and there is no reason why teachers do not pay theirs. Years ago, when teachers were not paid the monies they deserved, the union did take care of them and they did deserve their benefits. Today, these teachers are making enough money to pay their way and also their families. The unions are all for themselves. Self satisfaction!!! The teachers are brainwashing the students. Kids talking about cuts and monies. Teach the children what they need to know and do not brain wash them into thinking the way the teacher does. I also feel that there is a need to weed out the administrative levels. Teachers should not be cut when there are many administrative positions that are not needed!! Teachers should keep their jobs on the quality of teaching not tenure..Get rid of it...it just keeps teachers in the classroom who only are there for their pensions. Why school can not be ran with a principle and a vice-principle and 2-3 guidance counselors and a couple of secretaries....too much wasted money there!!!! Taxpayers should not and can not go any deeper into their pockets for the school budgets. We have all made sacrifices in our own families and so should the schools in this town. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 12:17 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Cut the extra employees. schools don't need tons of librarians or vice principals.--- THIS
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:19 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Would it be worth looking into the amount of administrators employed by the district. It seems there are positions as district directors, directors, district supervisors, principal with no associated school, multiple assistant principals of operations at each high school, multiple assistant principals of curriculum at each high school. These are all 100k+ salaries plus benefits. Could there be any way to consolidate these positions. Could there be a way to consolidate services? Should there be studies performed to increase efficiencies in order to reduce costs?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:20 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Revise the teacher contract to require health insurance contributions. Every other worker, including Federal employees, in this country pays at least 30% to 40% of their health insurance costs for plans nowhere near what teachers are given for free. Freeze COLA's for the next 2 years. In fact since teachers only work 9 out of 12 months they are being paid too much; the rest of US workers have to put in a full 12 months. Reduce the salaries of Superintendents, Principles, Vice Principles and administrators by 20%. Most other US businesses have frozen salaries for the past 2 years and many workers had to sustain 20% cuts just to keep their jobs. Remove the provision allowing teachers to be tenured after 3 years of service, no other worker in this country has the benefit of being protect for life after 3 years of service. We are in a very tough economy and citizes are extremely angry about teachers benefits and the fact that they are using our children as a weapon to justify their existence. Frankly, you could let go virtually all the teachers and immediately backfill them with young, eager, well educated college grads that cannot find jobs due to the economy; this would eliminate your budget problems and probably result in a surplus. Teachers need a reality check "Times are Tough".--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

At a minimum, I feel that the proposed budget should be cut no less than what would have been saved had the officials for the teachers union agreed to a one year pay freeze. Another area of savings to look at is the school busing system. Somehow, when we were young, and there were no school buses, we still managed to get to school. Cutting back the availability of bussing might provide a significant savings. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Our taxes are out of control. There is too much fat in the schools and in public office, time to shrink it or you are going to force many people to leave, not just in Middletown, but across the whole state. The voters finally came out and said we have had enough.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Message:

1.eliminate overtime for ALL salaried employees 2.eliminate the \$536,000 for curriculum writing next year 3.correlate grounds maintenance with the township since BYAA and MYAA use the school fields 4.there is a report (fact-finder) called the Riccio Report stating how how Middletown is top heavy with District Administrators and they needed to reduce that amount dramatically- we now have more district administrators than when that report was written 5.by consumnable books(phonics & grammar) so the teachers don't have to run them off-it is cheaper to buy the book than to copy the pages-this is at the primary level 6. turn the lights off the outside school signs at night or use solar lightning if they need to be on at night 7.treat all employees with respect , not as if they are the villian-they are not the ones who took away millions from school and municipal budgets- they are just the ones being blamed for it-it is just like a child getting in trouble and the child states that someone else did something - trying to through the blame offof him/her and onto someone else- well that is exactly what Christie did and acted like and many people bought into his supposed logic- open your eyes and minds- you should be annoyed at him- not at the people who hold this school district and town together no matter what the current crisis --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:11 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Start at the top, how many superintendents and vice principals do we need? As a Student I attended a high School with 1600 students, one vice principal. I spent a lot of time In Virginia in the past and education is based on a county wide system. One county Superintendent, ONE!! Investigate this system please. Why do we need so much fat at the top. It us killing us financially. I'll use Bay Shore Middle school for another example. I worked on the new addition in 1999-2000. That was the worst engineered job I have ever experienced. The energy management system is a disaster, the building was way overbuilt for it's needs, vaulted ceilings with no energy recovery means, heat pumps with a well field that's too small for the load required, booster pumps at the end of the heating piping system to increase water flow thus driving electric bills out of sight and no accountability for the issues. These buildings don't need to be architectural marvels, they need to be functioning cost effective means of educating children. Now let's get to the NJEA. Tell them to stop crying about the children suffering. Maybe they need to put more effort into their teaching skills. In recent times the rest of the job market has been looking over their shoulders for the pink slip. Let them now feel this impact, produce or no job. Simple. The teachers have been living off the fat of the taxpayers for too long. Can they contribute MORE than 1.5% to their health insurance, Yes they can. Can they take a pay freeze, yes they can. Our mayor's recent letter asking for a pay freeze to save jobs didn't get a response. Talk about brotherhood!!!!!! It's all about them, not the students as they constantly try to sell us on and jam down our throats. They cry about contributing 1.5% to health insurance. As a union electrician we contribute \$14.00 an hour out of our package to health insurance, 28,000.00 a year. When unemployed, by the way there is 40% unemployment in the industry at present, we loose our health coverage. Gone!! And they get health coverage for life on our dime. This is absurd. Their mindset is selfish and narcissistic. They are not as important as they think they are. Try to get more interaction from the parents. Instead of the parents wining about the discipline issues, discipline their little angles more. I work in many school districts around the state and what I see is frightening. As a child I would never talk or act the way these CHILDREN ACT and DRESS . GET the parents involved. Yes they feel their tax dollars should take care of this, wrong, respect starts at home. I know this is off the subject a bit but better discipline less need for vice principals and disciplinarians. Make the parents responsible for paying the costs of detention and suspension monitoring. IT ALL STARTS AT HOME. Little Johnny and Sally and mommy and daddy have to be held accountable as well. I commend our mayor for his letter to the union and wasn't surprised by their reaction. A VERY LOUD message was sent state wide on April 20th, we art not going to take it any more. The NJEA has been revealed. I don't feel as if I

have covered enough of the issues specifically but I think my point had been made. Please take proper measures and remember the selfishness of the NJEA when making the budget cuts, they have to be held accountable. Ken Maimone [REDACTED] Atlantic Highlands --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 10:36 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The economy being what it is today requires sacrifices from all. This includes employees of the school board and the township. The teachers union has taken a be dammed attitude toward the taxpayers. They absorb approx. 80% of the budget and they have the tenacity to hold out for a raise. Other districts have accepted a freeze. The budget should be reduced substantially. We are tired of hearing the old cliché about the 'KIDS'--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 9:53 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

The school budget way too high as is. The continued excessive spending must end. When I go to back-to-school and see all the high paid VP's and others sitting on stage like a bunch of birds it makes me sick. Example, why would HS North and other schoos need 5, 6 or more VP's all highly paid? Is that just a way to bump-up pay? Mostly I heard they are used as hall monitors, sure they say otherwise but that's not what I hear from students. The sorry thing is that's only the tip-of-ice burg of excess spending. The huge school tax takes away from my family and will be a major point why I may soon move out of this sorry state. Enough spending already, let's get serious with the union and fix the broken school mess. NO MORE TAX--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 8:54 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Dear committee members, As our spokes persons for the township. I would hope that you give deep thought in making the decision to cut even deeper into the schools already devastated budget. The momentum of our governor to impact the union's in an effort to reduce future taxpayer burden in regards to the state ad municipal employee's is with merit. However, I feel that the he has over step his authority as our governor, when asking the citizens to vote down the school budget he had no knowledge of. Especially, knowing how deep his financial aid cut's had already impacted our communities. I feel the citizens of this community acted on blind faith, at there governors request, without truly realizing the combined impact to our children's futures. Along with the economic climate it drove the school budget vote ultimately to a majority NO. I ask as a citizen and a parent in this community, you stand behind our mayor's request to the teachers union, for a pay freeze. By not doing so, the entire long term effort to reform our state and local financial issues will not have the impact the tax payers demand. Please insist that whatever cut the committee recommend's, it directly impact's those who have decided to ignore the taxpayer. A 14% administration to 4 % teacher ratio should continue as recommended by the Superintendant of schools. Sports program cuts should not be considered prior to the redistricting our schools. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 8:28 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am a graduate of the MTHS Class of 1970, and we used our school for the graduation. There is no reason for our budgets to be further strained with pomp and circumstance - I have heard the middle schools are approx. \$8,000..00 per graduation at BCC and the 2 high schools rack up approx. \$20,000.00 each. Suggestion: hold the middle school graduations in their school auditorium, if at all. High school can go back to the home field. We paid approx. 2 million for the fields, use them. Thank you for your time and consideration to this suggestion. Sincerely, Kate Hughes--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

One rumor is cutting sub varsity sports. This would be a monumental mistake; it would create a void in a lot of the students day that would result in more negative activities than positive. Having 4 children in the public school system (high school, middle school, and elementary school) I have seen first hand what happens to children who do not have after school activities. On the other side, these children use these sports as stepping stones into and during the early years of high school. Athletics are a big part of a childs life both current time and preparing them for life's challenges in the future. We would all be doing the children a disservice by not providing the athletics, even if it means pay to play, that is something I can live with. Thank you, Howie Brey--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 9:08 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Administrators should each take a 15% pay CUT for one year. Teachers should accept the Pay Freeze for one year. (My own pay and that of my coworkers has been frozen for 3 years and is frozen again this year - The NJEA has to join the REAL WORLD.) Any layoffs should start in Administration or middle management, not the teachers and cuts to programs for kids. Any cuts for kids programs should start with SPORTS. Kids can play on their own, there are extra-school sports organizations in Middletown, many Middletown parents are rich enough that they send kids to karate school, etc and don't need my tax money to do so. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Message:

I sincerely hope the school programs aren't cut, especially sports. It keeps the kids active and out of trouble. A one year salary freeze would be much better than layoffs, lets face it.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 6:46 AM
To: Twp Committee
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 7:18 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Get rid of the higher paid salaries and the excessive amount of administrators. Hire non-union teachers at a reasonable rate of pay. Treat the school like a business and not the free for all that has been going on. All of the teachers should have been fired after the strike like the Board and the Township had the legal right to do after they walked out on the kids and broke the law. Instead we rewarded them (even the non-tenured ones) and gave them 2, 3 & 4% raises and now they won't take a pay freeze? People are lucky to have jobs in this economy. We are losing some good, young teachers that I bet if they were offered a non-union job at approx. \$35,000 a year - they would take it. This is a business and noone is doing what's best for the kids here. They keep getting programs cut and class size go up, but no salaries go down and we have more administrators making over \$100,000 than any other district. Enough is enough - force the Board to do right by our kids and stop spending our money foolishly. Get rid of the failed random drug testing program and get rid of ANYONE that was involved in the field debacle at North that we paid for 3 fields. Bill Doering is a disgrace and should have been fired long ago. Our Superintendent makes way too much money - over \$200,000 a year and gets a car? We can't afford these high salaries. Remember this is not personal - treat it like a business and not a good 'ole boy club. Trim the fat and the only place to do that is salaries. The last election spoke volumes and every incumbent was voted out and the budget defeated. Now PLEASE stand up for our kids and do what is best for THEM! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The town has plenty of extra money to help our children. My home was "assessed" at a value of \$743,000+ by the town's hired "assessor". In 2009 my house was worth \$560,000. I know this because I considered selling it. This year it is worth \$660,000, \$10,000 more than I paid for it in 2003. Again, I know this because I still may have to sell it. As a result of the heinous assessment value placed on my home, in 2009 the township overtaxed me by 33% and in 2010 it continues to overtax me but by a mere 13%. Other townships in the county are "reassessing". Let's not "reassess" and put the monies your are accumulating as an overage towards our children, not the teachers. Honestly, the real estate assessors you engaged should be arrested for extortion.---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 1:17 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I would suggest a teacher pay freeze. Very few, if anyone, in the private sector have gotten any pay increases over the last few years. I know this is only a temporary fix, but it may prevent further teacher layoffs for the upcoming school year while a more permanent solution is reached.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 12:37 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I voted for the school budget. The comments which were discussed with me by people who rejected the school budget was why should they suffer a tax increase to pay increased salaries to teachers. The teachers were rejecting a salary freeze in these hard times. I feel people misunderstood the situation, many teachers would have accepted the salary freeze only the union didn't let them vote. The problem is a political one which has no place in our school system. I feel the union was at fault.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 9:46 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

I think the board needs to restructure its top. I went to school in Middletown with a lot more students enrolled in school then there are now. We had two principals and the head guidance counselor. I feel there are too many administrators and their jobs should be looked at and see if they can be condensed, eliminated or restructured.. Years ago we had directors, which would not be paid like vice-principals and assistant superintendents. Again we had a superintendent and assistant superintendent, not all the assistants they have now. The title alone means money. Also this board has to stop spending money on frivolous things....This school system was running fine until they brought in outside people who changed things and I feel messed with something that was not "broken". That is the reason why I retired from teaching in Middletown and living here for over 50 years and gone through the township schools. This board is going to have to learn to streamline and get rid of the non-essential personel, programs and administrators. Keep what they had 5 years ago...--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 7:32 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
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Message:

Some kids do not excel in the traditional areas of education and need the additional offerings such as music and art... which do help teach math and other cognitive skills. In addition, do not eliminate all the extra curricular activities and/or sports teams, including freshman, but offer a pay to play option. Most families in Middletown have been paying all along for travel teams so can just continue. I think the message about the defeated budget was for the teachers union, so whatever can make the most impact on the union is what needs to be done.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2010 10:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 11:09 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Take away the Teacher's conventions. They are a waste of time and money. When I asked for copies of any literature that was disseminated at the conventions, I was told there was none. I asked if they could share what they learned at the conventions and they just laughed. Have the convention as a tele-conference at each school via internet and see how many teachers would still be interested. I also believe Teachers need to contribute towards their health plan. Times have changed and no company can afford to pick up the entire cost. I pay 25%, or 150.00 every two weeks, towards my health plan, and that doesn't even include dental! Lastly, can we combine services with the town? Why can't one group do the schools and the town's landscaping and lawn services. What about maintenance? Do we need 2 separate groups? Ben Ascone--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2010 9:29 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

The irresponsibility of the governor to call to defeat local school budgets to further his personal ambition is frightening. Middletown spends \$1400 per student below the state average equating to 14 million dollars underfunding year after year. Due to christie's aid cuts our schools have lost an additional 11 million dollars. it would be senseless to cut more money from an already underfunded school system. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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To: Twp Committee
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Message:

I think the vote is a clear message that we need to reduce the size and scope of the budget, not just use temporary fixes (like a salary freeze, that only sends the message that we are going to resume the growth in government spending once this crisis passes). When people complain that the "government" won't pay for this or that service, do they realize that the "government" is us and that it's our own money we are considering to spend or save? Our school system has produced excellent results for many years and much of it was done when our budgets were a fraction of what they are now. we need to continue to assess what is critical to our educational needs and what is excess in the budget and trim relentlessly. I know this will be hard on those people who we no longer have a spot for, but the burden of higher taxes is harder on the many hard working families in middletown.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

Please send a copy of your most recent budget, so I can go over it and make informed suggestions. Send to: [REDACTED] Thank you, Carmine D Taffuri--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

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Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

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Message:

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To: Twp Committee
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Message:

Maintain the music programs and gifted & talented. Consolidate administration. Publicize other suggestions from the public so the community show their support.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 12:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
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Message:

Hello! I voted for the budget!!! No salary freezes. That is an insult (and maybe illegal) to a contract that was negotiated in good faith. Send the governor a message telling him to stop acting like a baby and give the towns the money they need. Jon Eremus--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 12:40 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

Vice Principals positions should be eliminated during this budget crunch.--- THIS MESSAGE
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To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
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Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 9:12 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

Giving 4.3% raises needs to be questioned and why this contract was ever approved by the Board. If the teachers do not accept the freeze, the three million in raises need to be cut from the teachers directly either with layoffs or drastic budget cuts. Purchasing, grounds maintenance, human resources, and certain admin functions can be shared and eliminate positions for savings.
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From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 11:25 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
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Message:

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Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 6:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Message:

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Importance: High

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To: Twp Committee
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Message:

Mayor Scharfenberger; I support your initiative to reduce the budget by asking that the teachers accept a salary freeze. It is time that this constituency joins the real world where the rest of us live. I have had my wages frozen for the past two years and I am contributing more and more to my benefits annually. There was a time when our teachers were underpaid and underappreciated; those days have long since past. Their current compensation, benefit and retirement packages have not only caught up but now exceed that of most other professions. We need tough decisions to be made at all levels of government. A contraction of districts and consolidation of administrative officials is long over do. I don't know the specifics but some months ago a town, perhaps county, in Rhode Island fired the all the teachers there, hiring back only 25%. They may have been on strike or it may have been done for some other reason. This took courage; it took leadership that wasn't afraid to face strong resistance. I hope you are such a leader, don't back down. You will be under intense pressure, but you will find that the vast majority of your constituents will be behind you. Regards, Richard Roesler [REDACTED] Middletown, NJ 07748 --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 5:34 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Perhaps there is something I don't understand, but wouldn't going back to half day kindergarten save a lot of money while leaving the district no worse off academically than it was just two years ago? Also, can Spanish be introduced later than first grade, or is that mandated? Most start with a reintroduction in middle school anyway.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 5:08 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Middletown needs to get rid of more Admin. positions and less teachers. When I was in school each HS had 2 VP's. Why do we need 11 now? Do away with spanish classes in elementary schools. We voted out the incumbants because we are sick and tired of the BOE giving the union everything they want. Teachers did not go to jail in 2001 "for the kids". Read between the lines for what this rejection vote means. Stop taxing us to death. Do something drastic. Did they have to have air conditioning for maybe a couple of weeks in June? NO. but you give them what they want. Not the voters. Beware, We are vooting for your jobsnext. Michael J. King--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 5:04 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

why does school need SAC's or special behavioral or drug programs, use community resources -
I5 security guards at HS North ?? is this a school or prison, eliminate some if not all guards -
annual fee to park on grounds (students)--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

In order to solve your budget problem, I strongly urge you to eliminate school sports—or if they are continued, have parents pay for their child to participate, as they do for hockey, sailing, Pop Warner, gymnastics, and more. Yes, sports are a motivator for students to do well; however, if played privately, not on the taxpayer's bill, there is no reason that grades and behavior can't still be tied to participation. Sports benefit only a few students, with the highest end and most expensive ones benefitting the least number of students. Cutting teachers and academic programs hurts all students and the fundamental mission of the school system. What good is a citizen who can toss a football into an endzone, but can't balance a checkbook? In other words, don't sacrifice basic education such as math for extras like the football team! After school sports, I would look into other extracurriculars, keeping in mind that school is there to teach, and students can have fun on their own. Finally, there are a few smaller areas where extra money could be found. I would freeze any new textbook purchases, as they are highly overrated and often renewed long before their useful life is up. I would seriously look at what technology is being paid for. Many times it is being used for technology's sake, and not actually benefitting the learning. I know I have been asked to force certain equipment into lessons that really didn't help it. Turn the heat down and skip the AC. Ask teachers to be more frugal with supplies, especially paper. Discourage bussing and encourage students biking and walking to school. Cancel professional development for a few years—except for new teachers who need to learn your programs. Teachers can be very resourceful in learning new things on their own when given the time. They also need time to practice the current programs before new things are thrown at them. What I definitely recommend against is anything that increases class size. As a teacher, I can state with certainty that the number one way to increase the quality of any educational system is to simply reduce the class size. A teacher has more time to spend on each student, and discipline problems will be reduced. The teacher will also have less paperwork and more time to be creative in developing lessons. More active lessons can be planned because fewer children equals less potential for chaos. Middletown is currently known for its excellent schools. I have subbed in the district and was impressed, myself. If the class size goes up, the quality of the education will drop very quickly, and the reputation will be lost. A further solution, but not with immediate monetary results, is to remind the town that "it takes a village." Encourage parents and the residents as a whole to instill in their young children—whether their own, a family member's or a neighbor's—a love of learning, respect for teachers and others, and interest in books from an early age. They should also look out for the best in the nutrition of children to increase students' abilities to focus and learn to their potentials. Revamping school lunches to include whole grain

bread, low sugar foods, lots of fruits and vegetables, and no junk food machines or options would be a part of this. In the long run, many extra services may be able to be eliminated as a result of these measures. Residents need to remember that it is not solely the school's job to raise children. I don't think that any of these suggested measures will meet with great applause, but cutting teachers is a far worse choice. It is the easiest way to save money, I realize, but we must remember that what is easy is not always what is right. With a fine toothed comb passing through every school and across every decision maker's desk, I am certain that the money to save those very important and necessary jobs can be found. Please accept this challenge and I will look forward to sending my daughter to Middletown schools in five years. Thank you for your consideration with my tax dollars. Sincerely, Becky Sodon --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 4:33 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The teachers should accept the wage freeze. The budget should be adjusted by that amount. If the teachers don't accept it the board will have to make the appropriate changes in other costs. As part of my job we have had wage freezes. Public employees should not be exempt when we can no longer support that level. In addition, for the future - I don't understand why our school board president and aids earn more than the governor. This needs to be changed when their contracts expire.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Budgets are more than just a list of figures. The superintendent has outlined what spending is necessary. The superintendent has come up with a budget that adjusts spending for reduction in state aid, but tells Middletown residents where its schools are headed. It is a strong budget written in a challenging time and faces the reality that cuts need to be made. The township should support it as proposed. The superintendent stayed away from across-the-board cuts and looked for strategic savings. The township should balance the increase in the tax burden against the damage that could result from even deeper cuts to the school budget. Middletown spending per pupil is well below the state average which demonstrates that the budget request is reasonable. Our schools and education quality directly impact our property values. A demand for teachers to forego raises is not a fiscal solution but a one-gain that will not pay dividends in the future. Teachers spend 13 years teaching our children, from kindergarten through high school. It is critical to honor contracts and ensure that Middletown attracts the best professionals to educate our children who are the future of our country. With this budget, the superintendent has shown that she can not only respond to a funding crisis, but is building for the future. Please support the budget as proposed. Reductions directly impact our investments in the future - both for our children and our homes. Sincerely, Timothy J. Cuddihy [REDACTED] Middletown [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am concerned about two issues related to the school budget: 1. I would NOT want to see class sizes increase 2. I want band class to stay as part of the curriculum Both these issues are important to keeping the quality of our schools in this town and also the value of living in this town. Thank you for this opportunity. Beth Mazza--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 3:24 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I pretty much agree Christie wage freeze for everyone for on the town payroll for two years contribution to healthcare for all school and municipal employees health plan should be available for full time employees including teacher and all municipal employees I guess what I am saying all benefits should be reformed to be no greater than NJ corporations of the same size (number of employees and budget)--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 3:17 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Change the current pension plan so that new hires go into a 401K rather than into the current pension system. Those already in the system would not be affected. This would at least stem the increase in skyrocketing pension benefits. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 2:28 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think the committee should realize that the people of Mdtwn have overwhelmingly voted this budget down, which should send a message that in no way shape or form should the committee allow ANY school tax increase this year. Either have the board scale back more, or do it yourselves. You owe it to the people to abide by our wishes. Keep in mind that between a school tax increase and a municipal increase, the taxpayers just cannot absorb both of them. How about getting rid of the PR person who's salary for the upcoming year jumped by over \$10,000. Get rid of foreign language in the grade school- most of us did not have this until middle or HS and we did fine- Besides, once a week language is really not teaching them anything!!!! If it's that important to parents, let them pay for lessons!!! Cut one Principal for curriculum and at least one (really cut 2) principal for operations at HS North. Why do we need multiple people doing the same job?????? Why are there 2 positions in HS South that are principal of curriculum and operations? Do we need 2?????? This is redundant! Have students pay for middle school sports, and go further and have any non-varsity team also have a payment schedule. Have students pay for any clubs. These really would be nominal amounts. Get a handle on special ed spending. One aide for one child is just not cost effective. A student is NOT mainstreamed if they need to have an aide with them all day long. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 12:23 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

- Eliminate all paras, and replace with parent volunteers, on a rotating basis. I for one, would love to spend time in the school once in a while and would be happy to help, and I know that plenty of other moms would welcome this opportunity and step up to the plate. I'm not sure of all the work that paras typically do, but we could be lunch aides, office aides, and teacher's aides. Obviously you'd need to put regulations in place whereby if you can't make it in for your assigned slot, you would have to find a replacement. But everyone that agrees to do this would have to agree to be "on call" at certain times to fill in for last minute cancellations. - At the elementary level, in addition to the current Chartwells selections, offer fresh, organic meals and morning snacks, charging a decent amount for these, but at the same time, to help discourage less healthy options, raise the price substantially of the regular Chartwells meals (chicken nuggets, hot dogs, etc.) that the young kids usually go for and are used to. - Further, offer fresh organic fruit as a morning snack (volunteer parents would come by the classes with a cart), charge a decent amount for them, and make it school policy that only fresh fruit is allowed as a morning snack, whether parents choose to buy it from the school or bring it from home. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 12:49 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Please do not cut any more from the education budget.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 11:35 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Asking teachers to take a pay cut does nothing to fix the problem long term and penalizes a group of professionals who did not choose this career path for the financial gains. Do we really think this is going to fix the problem? And what about next year when the budget fails again are you going to ask the teachers to take another pay freeze or this time a pay cut? Any request for a salary freeze needs to also have guarantees that all wages will be restored and when the economy turns around the salary structure will reflect the economic upturn of the time. Yes I realize this proposition sounds unrealistic as does a request of a pay freeze. Now if we are ready to deal with the underlying problems here we may be able to solve the school funding issues and not overly stress the tax payers of Middletown. The formulas and approach for funding school districts in NJ is broken. Our local tax base can certainly support the schools and we need to demand that our taxes stay local. We also need to break Middletown into two separate school districts with separate budgets so that any funding from the state can be rationed appropriately. A district with as much socioeconomic diversity of Middletown was not considered when the current funding formulas were out into place. We have wealthier schools such as Nut Swamp with next to no free lunches (a key metric in determining state funding) and Ocean Ave with a significant amount. The resources needed at these two schools are vastly different and trying to treat them the same is a disservice to both. The district is too big and everyone suffers. We also need to push for some type of merit pay and eliminate tenure. We have great teachers both young and old but no way to hold the slackers accountable. I realize the task at hand is this year's budget but let's face it if the larger issue is not dealt with the budget will not pass next year and then what? --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 11:09 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Take away the Teacher's conventions. They are a waste of time and money. When I asked for copies of any literature that was disseminated at the conventions, I was told there was none. I asked if they could share what they learned at the conventions and they just laughed. Have the convention as a tele-conference at each school via internet and see how many teachers would still be interested. I also believe Teachers need to contribute towards their health plan. Times have changed and no company can afford to pick up the entire cost. I pay 25%, or 150.00 every two weeks, towards my health plan, and that doesn't even include dental! Lastly, can we combine services with the town? Why can't one group do the schools and the town's landscaping and lawn services. What about maintenance? Do we need 2 separate groups? Ben Ascone--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 1:01 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I moved to Middletown because I was impressed by the school system. When my first child was ready to start kindergarten I looked at private schools in the area and compared them to Middletown schools. We chose to send our children to the public schools because we felt strongly that they would get the best educational programs, teachers, and learning experiences in the Middletown schools. I hope that continues. In making your budget cuts please ensure that class sizes are maintained and NOT increased. I think we should even be striving to make even smaller class sizes. Also, since students possess many different learning styles I hope that no arts, music, or physical/sports programs and activities are cut. Well rounded students are a necessity for college acceptance. If you are dismantling elementary school computer labs, please make sure that all classrooms throughout the district have access to using computers as part of their programs. Perhaps the computers could be distributed to each grade level for teachers to share access. Years ago I worked in a district that dismantled the computer labs. Instead they installed doors between classrooms so that teachers could team teach more easily. Each classroom had 6 computers and when sharing with your "next door teammate" you could actually utilize 12 computers at once for your students. In doing this, we effectively incorporated the technology into our everyday teaching. It was a much more useful teaching strategy than a 40 minute "session" once per week. I believe that you get what you pay for, so I have never felt negatively toward paying for school taxes. However, in these times of economic change and failed budgets I realize the necessity for making changes. Best of luck in your difficult decision making. If not for our excellent schools, we'd be having to pay even MORE for the private schools. Please keep that in mind when making your decisions. Thanks. Jeanne McCarthy
[REDACTED] -- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 8:47 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The people of Middletown Township have spoken and voted down the 2010-2011 proposed school budget giving a clear indication of their wishes. The Township Committee elected by the same voters to enact their wishes should see the will of the people and adjust the budget to cover contracted rises in the expenses and nothing else at this time. The draconian forecasts of cutting programs do not have to happen if the cuts are made equally across all programs. The people's checkbooks are empty and the middle class are out of work or not receiving raises, we need to look at this as shared sacrifice. If the Middletown BOE were serious "education of the children", there would be greater cuts in upper administration and leave as little interruption in the classroom. It really is not that complicated. It is my understanding that the Middletown teachers voted to accept the one-year freeze, but they NJEA Union officials reject their vote. That is wrong. Thanks for your time. Do the right thing here, strap on a spine and do what the people are telling you to do. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: [REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]

Mercantante, Anthony

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 6:18 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I voted for the school budget. However, my taxes are very high. I think the teachers should take a wage freeze. If they really cared about the children , they should think about the children. Jobs are tight, the teachers should not expect to have all their health insurance paid for.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 3:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I've obtained a copy of the District Administrators for 2009-10 after reading the article in the Asbury Park Press 5-19-10. Asst. Principals for Curriculum (2), Operations (2) at High School North/South and Guidance (2) at North. Are you kidding? You should start looking at the top to cut excess. What is a District Director of Secondary Initiatives? A personal promotion for someone who did not see fit to maintain the heat/air conditioning in her former school and thereby the welfare of the students entrusted to her? District Directors and Directors? Come on. My son comes home telling me which teacher will not be back at Thorne due to the Budget vote. (Their opinions should be kept to themselves.) Our children should not suffer because good teachers are being threatened with job loss to sustain duplicative titles. Get to work.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 1:44 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have just read the Asbury Park Press article about my school district. Address the top management issues, give the teachers an opportunity to take early retirement and keep the younger - more engergetic staff on. I know there is dead wood in the schools and the administrative offices. Newly created positions to keep "friends" employed in our district should be addressed. Do we need a District Director of Secondary Initiatives? What is this anyhow? And for this slot, we're loosing or jeopardizing important cirriculum? Help me understand why there isn't a watchdog in the schools? Thank you and good luck--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 8:31 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Books/neccsary supplies and teachers should not be cut. Obviously, I think teachers should forgo there raises (like everyone in the private sector did last year), but I know the town/BoE cannot enforce this. My suggestions are as follows: Cut back on the number of Assistant Principals. There should be 1 Prinicpal and 1 Assistant Principal per middle/high school. These are pure overhead positions and add no value. The Principals are making upwards of \$150k per year. They can work another hour or two a week (like people in the private sector who make this amount of money)to cover for the reduced staffing level. As I look at the Superindendents/Admininstrative functions and Prinicipal functions budgets, I commonly see that that number of administrative assistants is greater than the number of senior people. Why is this? I work for one of the largest and most successful consulting firms in the world, and our administrative assistants support 3-4 firm PARTNERS (who I am sure are pushing through a lot more work than these superintendents and principals). Looking at the rankings/ratios of our town's education metrics comparitively to other towns, most are favorable except one or two. Those are the "Student to Administrator Ratio" which is in the top quartile of the state and "Administrator Salary" which is in the top third. TIME TO REDUCE, THIS IS NOT ADDED VALUE to the CHILDREN!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 7:18 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Dear Committee Members, You will have my full support in your cuts, in matter of fact I want you to cut more. The NJEU doesn't want to support Middletown needs. When the new contacts are due, do not handle them once again a blank check. Let them strike and go to jail. Thank you,
[REDACTED] THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 4:38 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I found it amusing to read in the 5-19-10 Asbury Park Press the Township Committee discussing the School Budget with the Board of Education. In 2007/2008 we had a serious problem at Ocean Avenue School regarding heat/air conditioning issues. The Mayor advised he did not oversee the Board of Education, he could make suggestions but the Mayor's office was separate from the School Board. Honestly? All Board of Education Members (with the exception of Joan Minnuies), School Superintendent, the Monmouth County Superintendent of Schools, the State Department of Education were all unwilling to help or get involved. Now everyone is talking to each other. Funny how money brings everyone together. Very funny.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:02 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

We voted to defeat the school budget as we believe the Teacher's Union is being unrealistic in its defense of the current contract. We're in an unprecedented time requiring tough decisions and actions taken in order to live to fight another day. Why is it that employees in the private sector get it but the Teacher's Union does not?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 7:49 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I don't understand how the teachers union can think about taking a raise when some of their fellow teachers will be laid off because of it. I work in Manhattan and haven't rec'd a raise in 3 years and I have no union behind me. My fellow workers decide to forgo raises and gave back some vacation to save jobs. I thought this was the right thing to do! I guess the teachers don't. I would like to see the cuts in various athletic programs rather than teachers as students are there to get an education first, at least that's the way it was when I went to school. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 6:04 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have lived in the township since 1994. I had two children that graduated from the Middletown system and one that is currently a second year teacher in the district.(She has been given her pink slip) I feel a pay freeze is needed. Base your budget recommendations on the savings associated with a freeze. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 5:33 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

This entire budget debacle is an embarrassment to being a resident of Middletown. Middletown has been misspending money for years. We have a police force that uses township police cars for personal use with our tax dollars paying for the gas and maintenance. Governor Christie is trying to close the gap on an enormous debt that has been left to fester for years while previous governor's were in charge. We cannot just blame him, in my opinion this is just another excuse to pass the blame on to someone else. In this economy and what is going on in the world today I cannot believe that the teachers will not step up to the plate and put their money where their mouth is and take a job freeze for just one year. Isn't it all about the children? Isn't this why we as teachers work in the education system? Teachers entered the profession years ago for the satisfaction of touching young lives and making a difference. Many of our fellow neighbors in Middletown have lost their jobs and are losing their homes! Who in the year 2010 doesn't pay into their health benefits! Many people in New Jersey don't even have benefits. It is a time for sacrifice for all. Many good non-tenured teachers will lose their jobs because their fellow teachers who are already making a good salary won't keep their salaries on hold, for just one year! I for one cannot wait for my children to finish school because Middletown has become too expensive to live in. I love it here but the taxes are becoming too much and I have lost my faith in the community and what it represents. It is a sad time for Middletown and its residents.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 4:30 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

It is time for the Middletown teachers and their unions to step up and make the concessions necessary to support a logical budget. Many townships have already agreed to a pay freeze, pay something toward their medical and reduce the gross administrative overhead. Where is Middletown in these activities? I am a senior citizen, fixed income and now increased medicare payments, property taxes, etc. I have supported the school budget for many years, but now we need some common sense applied to getting the costs under control. The mayor has already made a sensible cut when he disapproved the update on some athletic fields - lets see some more positive moves like. Reduce overhead by consolidating some jobs, freeze salaries and bonus's, reduce pension payments, hire new teachers if necessary and maybe eliminate the union!! LF --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 5:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

The Middletown teacher's union has consistantly held the youth of our township hostage threatening popular electives and sports in return for their demands. When teachers choose to 'burn up days' as they are worth more now than as retirement approaches, they justify their actions by only using 3 days at a time as to avoid needing a physican's note. When I have been told that the teachers Union does not meet to discuss or to vote on the issues at hand, and the positions the union decides are the minority voices, it becomes clear that these 'professionals' have only their interests in mind. The continued sense of entitlement regarding health care and across the boards increases does nothing to hold the Union as an entity in high regard. Support our township youth by sending a clear message to the Union leaders - Middletown taxes are high enough. The majority of our neighbors have not had a cost of living increase in at least 2 years. Take the moral high ground and give up a year or two of outragious increases. Be role models for our children and their parents. Save our schools by eliminating abuse by those we trust our precious youth with. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 4:03 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

No preschool. Half day kindergarten. No after /before school care. 100% vending machine food services. Class sizes in the low thirties. Split session. Slash spending decisively, like we have in our home with our family. Our property tax INCREASE with the revaluation was several thousand dollars, and together with needed Cobra health costs are killing us. We feel the pain, so it's only fair that the school budget as the largest component of the township budget be cut, Cut, CUT!!!--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 3:25 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

My recommendation is to use the fields available throughout Middletown for the high school sports teams. The expense of repairing and maintaining sports facilities that are already available is an extra expense for a relatively few who actually will use these fields. Perhaps the savings could result in an indoor swimming and skating facility that would benefit the town by offering open sessions to the public for the cost of admission. These fees are currently being paid to other third party facilities. Our wonderful libraries could also be utilized by the students in all grades instead of duplicating the same in each school. This would not only be financially prudent but would serve to prepare the students who will go on to learn through these methods in college. Some subjects could possibly be offered on line or through video conferencing to eliminate the number of classrooms and teachers needed for these subjects. School books and reference books could be provided on CD's or downloaded to the schools with updates automatically provided.

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 12:16 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I do not want to see this budget passed. I feel like the union is pushing for its' own agenda and the middletown teachers are using our children as pawns to get what they want. In these tough economic times, everyone is feeling the burden. My husbands pay was frozen and health insurance costs went up \$450.00 per month. But you know what, we still are grateful that he has a job. How much burden is the taxpayer suppose to handle? My sister took a pay cut to keep her job! Neither of them are teachers. Last time I looked, they were not special. Pay freezes, pay cuts, increased costs are happening not only statewide, but country wide, and I feel as though the teachers should take the pay freeze or lose their jobs. Thier choice! --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 2:52 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:25 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

In order to make up the shortfall from the voters' clear rejection of the budget, the teachers should accept a pay freeze. Serious cuts in administrative positions are also necessary and seemingly well overdue. I was stunned to see on the Middletown Township Public Schools website the number of unnecessary and redundant administrative positions. High School North has three Asst. Principals for Operations and two Asst. Principals for Curriculum. High School South has two Asst. Principals for Operations and two Asst. Principals for Curriculum. This is absolutely ridiculous, and in these economic times, an insult to Middletown taxpayers. In the private sector, companies eliminate unnecessary and redundant positions when their business and/or the economy requires. The responsibilities of those positions are absorbed by other employees who do not get a salary increase with the added responsibilities. Middletown might want to give that concept a try. Perhaps have one Asst. Principal per school who is in charge of curriculum, guidance, and operations. This might even justify the overly generous salaries and benefits they already receive. Teaching positions also need to be eliminated. Increasing class sizes to 25-30 students is still well within reasonable bounds. Increasing teaching loads and eliminating unpopular high school electives would also be useful. What the school system needs to become accustomed to is dealing with budget shortfalls the way the private sector does. Difficult times call for difficult actions, and it is time for Middletown schools to face the realities of today's economy. Contracts must be renegotiated. District teachers and administrators must start contributing a fair amount toward their benefits. The starting salary for Middletown teachers is well above that of employees in other sectors who are required to pay a great deal toward their benefits. So the standard argument that teacher benefits are so generous because their pay is so small just doesn't ring true here. You might also consider pooling and reducing maintenance staff and other suitable categories of staff so that they are one group responding to the needs of the different schools rather than a separate group of staff at each school. The biggest mistake the township committee could make would be to ignore the mandate they were given by the voters to make serious cuts. To instead settle on the charade of a cursory, ineffectual budget cut, dismissing the will of the voters, will ensure rapid turnover of committee members with each election cycle as well as future budget defeats. Make the tough changes now. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] Best regards, Gabrielle David Middletown--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

Submitted By:

5/21/2010

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 12:50 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I have lived here for 20 years. I have voted for the school budget 19 times. I stuffed envelopes many years to encourage people to support the budget. Middletown was good to its teachers in times of plenty. It was wrong of them not to take the wage freeze to facilitate our town getting more state aid. It was the governors rule, not ours, and yet they will have us pay for it. I hope every penny you take from this budget results in a teacher being let go. Send a message. In addition, I think some type of rule allowing only one person per family to teach in our schools is in order. The teachers complain about their jobs here and yet their children follow them into our system. (possibly given priority over more qualified candidates) These new teachers bring with them their parents old ideas about taking advantage of everything they can get. Take away this perk. New blood (attitude) is needed. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT --- THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:06 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Why does the district need Middle School sports when the town has lots of municipal clubs, teams, and sports.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 12:10 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

We should eliminate wasteful and redundant administrative positions.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Importance: High

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Message:

Cut after school clubs and activities before the school day.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:05 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I think some after school programs should be cut, but not programs during the school day. The arts are always a target and should not get cut. The students enjoy these things the most. I would also like to see some sharing of services between the town and school district.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

you get a C+ for cutting the school budget -- but to get an A you would have had to not give any increase at all -- what didn't you understand about the vote against the school budget? i am a local teacher and i value education -- but quite honestly the tenure, pension, and health benefits teachers and administrators get is way out of line. again, was the message voters sent (including me) not clear?--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

For the first time since I'm living here (11 years), I voted down the budget. I put that fact squarely in the laps of the greedy teachers union and its members. If they had taken the pay freeze, and contributed towards their medical and retirement packages, we would not be going through this nightmare. The same teachers and their union embarrassed Middletown and the entire state by going to jail rather than doing those simple things a few years back. Disgraceful, greedy. Get with it Middletown teachers. Everyone is struggling and doing their part now it's your turn.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 9:26 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

When voters reject a budget because they do NOT want their taxes to go UP, it means they do NOT want their taxes to go up anymore, PERIOD! To find that taxes are STILL going up 1.7 percent in Middletown is unacceptable! What needs to change is the arbitrary (2.5%) allowance that occurs regardless of what the voter says... It's a catch22 and the voter is damned if they do and damned if they don't vote in favor of a school board budget. Taxes go up regardless... Why does the Township Committee think this is OK with the taxpayer? Does everyone believe the taxpayer bank account to be bottomless? It's not! The budget should be balanced with no tax increase.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 7:41 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Simple-- approve the school budget as it is. No I am not a teacher or related to a teacher. Unfortunately, people do as they are told--they were told to defeat the budget and they did. Firing teachers, making classes bigger, cutting after school activities, or cutting other programs will greatly weaken the school system. Poor school district equals poor property value. Thank You. LOUIS GRASSO [REDACTED] PORT MONMOUTH--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Its pretty simple. If the Township does not have enough money for a school budget there is only one choice, reduce the school budget. As a 35 year resident of Middletown NJ, I have seen Taxes on the residents only go up. Continuing to pass the burden on to Middletown Residents will eventually lead to a mass exodus. We should all be feeling this recession together. This should mean saving every place we can. No un necessary spending. (I read about an idea for having all Highschool football games played durring the day).. If it saves moeny and thus teachers jobs, these are the types of solutions we should be looking at... Find the savings from within the system and do more with less. Thats what the rest of american families are doing right now, and thats what is truly best for New Jersey. Sincerely, Tony Rausch --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 12:20 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Why do we continue to play Friday night football games under lights instead of Saturday morning games where the light is free? We need to cut the budget in little bites. Why do we have a few laptops in each class? The kids can't use them since there are not enough to go around so why do we have them at all (that comment came from my kids in middle school and in the high school). Why does each classroom have an overhead projector that is not used? The budget need to be analyzed line item by line item and every expenditure must be questioned and justified. We need to realize that there is not an endless pot of money or the budgets will continue to be defeated. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: dtrewhella@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:24 AM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

I am writing to you concerning the possible removal of Mr. Al Corres from the position of Principal from Thorne Middle School. I understand the difficult task you have as a result of the state funding cuts and the budget not passing. However, I must voice my opinion about Thorne's principal. Mr. Corres has done an amazing job of resurrecting the once sinking ship known as Thorne. I have had a child in Thorne for the past five years and I can attest to the wonderful job that he has done there in just two years. I believe the reason test scores are up, bullying is down and the overall change in the school's atmosphere is due to Mr. Corres' leadership. You will be doing the children who attend this school a huge disservice by not keeping him as principal. The school needs the caring and consistency from Mr. Corres so it can continue to thrive and improve. I am concerned that without him, the school will return to a place where the children, and teachers, are unhappy and tests scores plummet. I urge you to reconsider removing Mr. Corres from our school. He has been a positive influence on all his students, academically and socially. Please keep Mr. Corres at Thorne Middle School. Denise Trewhella

Submitted By:

Name: Denise
Address: [REDACTED], ; Middletown, NJ 07748; US

Home Phone: [REDACTED]
Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 10:55 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

Committee members, As the latest school board elections indicate, It is expected that the school budget remain flat over last year. NO INCREASES OF ANY SIZE WILL BE TOLERATED. NOT ONE PENNY. Going forward we should be reducing funding and spending and LOWERING the tax rate. The Teachers Union needs to be returned to the real world and pay for healthcare benefits at a realistic level that exists in private industry, eliminate thea rehaic idea of tenure and remove all the "dead wood" that remains in the school system because of "tenure" It is also expected that the general municipal budget also show retrenchment and cuts. NOT increases. --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 11:15 PM
To: Twp Committee
Subject: Citizen Message Sent to School Budget
Importance: High

The message below was submitted to School Budget via the myC3 community portal.

Message:

It's time to take a look at consolidating jobs at the administration level. In addition to asking for the teachers union to accept a wage freeze...that offer should be extended to ALL unions including administration. Another option would be to consider having everyone take furlough days. This would apply to teachers and administration. Days that would qualify as furlough days would be professional development days when the kids are not in attendance. These suggestions could help reign in the budget.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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Mercantante, Anthony

From: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2010 8:51 PM
To: Twp Committee
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Since Middletown Parks & Rec Dept. offers many different sports to its residents perhaps the middle school sports teams could be cut back...it would save on coaches stipends, insurance, equipment, etc..... It appears if cuts need to be made, you should look to areas that least affect the students' educational needs! Another area would be administration...particularly "middle management" such as literacy and math coaches, assistants, etc.--- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS:
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Our school district spends \$1400 per student less the the state average equating to a 14 million dollar shortfall every year compared to the average spending for the education of the children of this town. The governor has cut an additional 11 million from our budget in state aid. Do you want the school system to completely collapse? Additional cuts would speed that process. While the governor is intent on putting public schools in jepardy to advance his political career, you have a more direct responsibility to the children of this town. The cutting of additional funds would negatively impact the educational program and the opportunity it affords our children. Do you recall the ten years of defeated budgets in the late 80's and 90's where the township cut nearly 15 million dollars in that time? Do you recall the 78 million dollar referendum needed to update the secondary schools and seal the leaks in the elementary schools after ten years of no maintenace when, again the township decided to "cut the fat" when they in fact cut maintenance. Do you recall the arrogance of the republican lackey, Tom Stokes, in not heeding the superintendant's advice not to to call in the state's monitors to check what were deemed substandard classrooms and the monitor closed 79 classrooms as a result? Do you recall that the teachers already endured a pay freeze do to the arbitor's recomendation in 1998 and the manditory healthcare contribuitions imposed by the BOE consisting of township minions Raynor, Scuduto, Bucco and Stokes? The attractive qualities of a town and its property values are direectly tied to the quality of its schools. To cut more from this district to advance the political aspirations of the governor or yourselves at the expense of the students is unconsonable. To lead is to think for onesself rather than to simply go along with those calling the tune. Our schools have been cut far more than they should have while already opperating at a 14 million dollars yearly shortfall. Are your political ties and aspirations worth selling out the opportunities for the children of the town? NJ has the best schools in the country according to recent test scores, the governor wants to destroy that quality to make a name for himself amongst conservative idiolologs. Do what is right rather than what is politically favorable to your aspirations. Our schools run on a shoestring budget as it is while other districts continually fund the well being of their children's education. Our town's financial ability to fund its schools is HG by the state, one step below the wealthiest districts in the state yet due to failed budgets of the past and cuts made by your committee in years past, we run an enormously underfunded school system. While the governor has chosen to make teachers the scapegoat for the state's finacial woes, it was Whitman who began raiding the pension fund and those after her that did not fund it as required by law. While Christie says changes are needed to keep the pension fund solvent and has initiated many changes to make the pursuit of a career in teaching less attractive to young,

bright professionals, what he has not done is to fund the yearly state contribution to the pension fund as required. He is a lout with no concern for public education as he sends his children to private schools and more enthralled with his own ambition than the well being of children. Simply do not make it worse for the children of this town! Sincerely, Philip Couch [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Middletown [REDACTED] --- THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT SENT FROM A REGISTERED ACCOUNT ---THE EMAIL ENTERED WAS: schoolbudget@middletownnj.org

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